



2019-2020 Legislative Session: Priority Legislation

The following is a list of legislation that JDI has prioritized in the current legislative session. This will be updated over time and does not necessarily represent all bills that JDI may support.

Education and Prevention

An Act Relative to Sexual Violence on Higher Education Campuses ([S764/H1209](#))

Comprehensive legislation to address policy, prevention and services to student experiencing sexual assault at institutions of higher education.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Michael Moore & Rep. Tricia Farley-Bouvier

An Act Requiring Sexual Misconduct Surveys at Institutions of Higher Education ([S736/H1208](#))

Mandate campus sexual assault climate surveys at all institutions of higher education

Lead Sponsors: Sen. William Brownsberger & Rep. Lori Ehrlich

An Act Relative to Healthy Youth ([S263/H410](#))

Ensure that sexuality education, when taught, is age appropriate and medically accurate.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico & Reps. James O'Day, and Paul Brodeur

Human Rights

An Act to Protect the Civil Rights and Safety of All MA Residents (Safe Communities Act) ([S1401/H3573](#))

Preserve and restore community trust in police by separating law enforcement and immigration, making it safer for survivors to come forward to seek support and services.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. James B. Eldridge & Reps. Ruth Balsemer and Liz Miranda

Economic Justice

An Act Relative to the Defense against Abusive Waivers ([S1049/H1625](#))

Prohibits the use of abusive "pre-dispute waivers" of important employee rights, including in cases of sexual harassment in workplaces.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Harriette Chandler & Rep. Kenneth Gordon

An Act Relative to Well-Being & Care of a Child (Lift the Cap on Kids) ([S37/H104](#)) Enacted 4/25/19

Eliminating the harmful "family cap" on TAFDC which prohibits families receiving benefits for some children.

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico & Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act to Lift Kids out of Deep Poverty ([S36/H102](#))

Set a floor on cash assistance at 50% of the federal poverty level

Lead sponsors: Sen. Sal DiDomenico & Rep. Marjorie Decker

On Solid Ground Coalition JDI is a member of OSG and supports the full policy agenda: <https://onsolidgroundma.org/>

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2019-2020 Legislative Session: Other Supported Legislation

The following is a list of other legislation that JDI supports in the current legislative session. This will be updated over time and does not necessarily represent all bills that JDI may support.

Economic Justice

An Act to Further Provide a Rental Arrearage Program ([H1264](#))

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act Improving the Earned Income Credit for Working Families ([H2434](#))

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Marjorie Decker

An Act to Remove Obstacles and Expand Abortion Access (ROE Act) ([S1209/H3320](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Harriette Chandler & Reps. Patricia A. Haddad and Jay Livingstone

An Act to Increase Access to Disposable Menstrual Products in Prisons, Homeless Shelters, and Public Schools (I AM.) ([S1274/H1959](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Patricia Jehlen & Reps. Jay Livingstone and Christine Barber

Human Rights

An Act Relative to Female Genital Mutilation ([S834/H3332](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Joseph A. Boncore & Reps. Natalie M. Higgins and Jay Livingstone

An Act to Assure Informed Consent for Pelvic Examination of Anesthetized or Unconscious Patients ([H1991](#))

Lead Sponsor: Rep. Denise Provost

An Act Promoting Safety for Victims of Violent Crime and Human Trafficking ([S995/H3414](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Mark C. Montigny & Reps. Tram T. Nguyen and Patricia A. Haddad

Other Systems Change

An Act Protecting Survivors of Rape and Their Children ([S914/H3295](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Sal N. DiDomenico & Reps. Carmine Gentile and Michelle DuBois

An Act Promoting the Safety of Individuals in Custody ([H1483](#))

Lead Sponsors: Reps. Kay Kahn and Marjorie Decker

An Act Establishing a Moratorium on Face Recognition and Other Remote Biometric Surveillance Systems ([S1385/H1538](#))

Lead Sponsors: Sen. Cynthia Stone Creem & Rep. David M. Rogers

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