

CLERY ACT SECURITY REPORT: COMPLIANCE CONTINUES TO CHALLENGE CALIFORNIA'S COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES

On May 10, 2018, California State Auditor Elaine M. Howle released a report entitled, "Clery Act Requirements and Crime Reporting: Compliance Continues to Challenge California's Colleges and Universities." Prepared in compliance with Section 67382 of the Education Code, the report summarizes the requirements of the federal Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act) and describes the results of the State Auditor's examination of six California colleges' Clery Act compliance.

BACKGROUND

The Clery Act requires all institutions that participate in federal student aid programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965 to annually publish security reports disclosing specific campus crime statistics and campus security policies. Failure to comply with the Clery Act can result in civil penalties of up to \$54,789.00 per violation for substantial misrepresentation of the number, location or nature of reportable crimes on a college campus.

AUDIT REPORT RESULTS

The Auditor found that four of the six institutions visited did not accurately report their crime statistics. One institution did not report any criminal offenses in 2015, despite two reportable crimes on campus that year. Additionally, five of the six institutions reviewed failed to develop or disclose all of the policies required under the Clery Act, and five institutions did not have complete or updated daily crime logs.

For more information, please use the following links:

- Full report: <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2017-032.pdf>
- Fact sheet: <http://www.bsa.ca.gov/pdfs/factsheets/2017-032.pdf>

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