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Says proposed UW emergency rule could weaken protections for survivors of sexual harassment and assault.

MADISON — Gov. Tony Evers announced Monday that he is rejecting a [scope statement](#) for an emergency rule submitted by the University of Wisconsin System (UWS) relating to Trump Administration Title IX changes that could weaken protections for survivors of sexual harassment and assault.



“Education and civil rights leaders across the nation have voiced strong concerns about the new federal regulations and the chilling effect they will have on survivors of sexual harassment and sexual assault,” said Gov. Evers in a letter to UWS President Ray Cross.

The UWS proposed rule seeks to make changes to Chapter UWS 17, which deals with student nonacademic disciplinary procedures. The governor noted in his letter that the proposed scope statement does not adequately address which changes will be made to Chapter UWS 17, whether UWS will weaken or strengthen the definition of sexual harassment, or the potential consequences of limiting access to the Title IX complaint process for students.

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