

MINNESOTA COALITION AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT
(MNCASA)

2008 Legislative Action Agenda

[Effective January 24, 2008]

Preventing
Sexual Violence

- Introduce legislation . . .
 - . . . to establish multidisciplinary, sexual violence prevention networks through a state funded demonstration grant initiative targeting sexual assault advocacy programs.
 - . . . establish criminal sexual conduct by school bus drivers as third and fourth degree offenses.
- Support legislation . . .
 - . . . to strengthen hiring review procedures by schools to screen for licensing complaints and changes related to sexual conduct.
 - . . . to enact comprehensive sex education requirements.
- Promote awareness about the MDH *Report on the Cost of Sexual Violence*.

Protecting Victims

- Oppose efforts to reduce appropriations increases approved in 2007 to fund sexual assault victim services during the 2008-2009 biennium.

Providing
Access to Justice

- Introduce legislation . . .
 - . . . to enhance penalties for repeat fifth degree criminal sexual conduct offenders.
 - . . . to extend statute of limitations to the longer of 9 years or 3 years after reporting to law enforcement for individuals victimized as a minor.
 - . . . to equalize the charge available for an accomplice and the actor where force is used as part of first degree criminal sexual conduct.
 - . . . to change the definition of "sexual contact" to include contact by semen or sperm.
- Support legislation . . .
 - . . . to restore 36-month presumptive sentencing for repeat offenders that was inadvertently repealed through a bill drafting error in 2006 (*if introduced*)
 - . . . to update human trafficking definition

Monitor and support other legislation as appropriate.