

Max Gruver Act Compliance

On May 9th, 2021, Georgia Governor Brian Kemp passed into law the “Max Gruver Act” which amends the state’s hazing laws found in OCGA 16-5-61. This new law requires a webpage dedicated to the public disclosure of (1) administrative adjudication of hazing (internal institutional investigations and hearings) and (2) hazing related convictions (external criminal convictions) to include at minimum:

1. The name of any school organization involved;
2. The date(s) on which the hazing occurred;
3. A description of the hazing related findings (administrative or criminal) and sanctions.

In compliance with Max Gruver Act, SCAI provides the following information that will be maintained for at least five years following final adjudication or conviction.

Stop Campus Hazing Transparency Report

The Stop Campus Hazing Act (SCHA) was signed into federal law on December 23, 2024, and amends the Jeanne Clery Campus Safety Act (formerly the Clery Act). The legislation was enacted to increase transparency, accountability, prevention, and reporting related to hazing at colleges and universities that participate in federal financial aid programs.

The law recognizes that hazing occurs across various student organizations including fraternities and sororities, athletic teams, bands, club sports, and other student groups and requires institutions to take a more proactive approach to prevention and public disclosure.

Key requirements:

- The name of such student organization;
- A general description of the violation that resulted in a finding of responsibility, including:
 - ◊ whether the violation involved the abuse or illegal use of alcohol or drugs,
 - ◊ the findings of the institution, and
 - ◊ any sanctions placed on the student organization by the institution, as applicable; and
- The dates on which:
 - ◊ The incident was alleged to have occurred
 - ◊ The investigation into the incident was initiated
 - ◊ The investigation ended with a finding that a hazing violation occurred, and

◇ The institution provided notice to the student organization that the incident resulted in a hazing violation.

Student Conduct Policies and Procedures

The student conduct process and hazing policy can be found on the websites below:

- [KSU Hazing Policy](#)
- [Student Conduct Policies and Procedures](#)
- [Stop Campus Hazing Act](#)
- [Max Gruver Act](#)

Hazing reports can be submitted via [SCAI Reporting Form](#). If you need to report something happening immediately, you can also contact KSU police ((470) 578-6666) for assistance.

Max Gruver and Stop Campus Hazing Act Transparency Report

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: DELTA SIGMA THETA

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Spring 2021 MIP

Description of hazing related findings:

During the Spring 2021 semester, the Sigma Epsilon Chapter of the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. (hereinafter DST) participated in behaviors that violated the KSU Student Codes of Conduct. Specifically, new members in the Spring 21 line (here in after Inductees) were required to run errands for initiated and alumnae members (here in after prophytes). During these errands, Inductees would spend their own money or give money to the prophytes for different items, including but not limited to food, personal products, etc. Furthermore, Inductees were required to wear particular clothing, have their hair done in a certain way, not wear make-up and strongly recommended or encouraged not to use social media. The Inductees would also be called and quizzed on sorority and chapter information. These behaviors also occurred between prophytes and women who were interested in joining DST during the Fall 2020 semester.

During the Spring 2021 Membership Intake Program (hereinafter MIP), the Inductees were required to attend in-person activities at off-campus locations, sometimes overnight, and were not permitted to leave. The inductees were deprived of sleep to the point some of them missed classes or assignment deadlines. Additionally, physical exercises and calisthenics occurred at the off-campus locations, as well as oral quizzing.

Lastly, during the university initial inquiry and formal investigation into the allegations, the pyrophytes and newly initiated members (neophytes) communicated electronically about what to say during the investigation, deleted electronic communications, and colluded to deny all allegations about any inappropriate behavior.

Sanctions

1. Suspension of the organization's registration with Student Life for five full academic years, starting immediately, ending May 31, 2026.
2. Upon returning to the KSU Community
 - a. A representative from the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity will be required to participate in a chapter meeting, within the first month, with any remaining KSU students who will be active with the Sigma Epsilon chapter to review the KSU Hazing policy. This representative will not participate in any formal, ritual, or private ceremony the chapter requires at chapter meetings but will be there as a guest presenter. Confirmation of attendance will be taken and kept on record with the department.
 - b. When the chapter is given permission to recruit and take a new line, a representative from the Department of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity will be required to participate in the first educational session with the Inducted members to review the KSU Hazing policy. This representative will not participate in any formal, ritual, or private ceremony the chapter requires at the educational sessions but will be there as a guest presenter. Confirmation of attendance will be taken and kept on record with the department.

5-year roll off: July 28, 2026

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: WOMEN'S RUGBY

Hazing Occurred: November 1, 2024

Description of hazing related findings:

During a school-sanctioned championship game trip, new members were blindfolded and escorted into a room, where they were prompted to quickly consume beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. Each new member was asked to select a drink, including those who were underage, who were given the option to choose alcohol. Once everyone had their choice, their blindfolds were removed, and they were encouraged to finish their drinks within six minutes.

Sanctions:

1. Suspension of the organization for half of the Spring 2025 season – through March 17th, 2025.
2. All current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI.
3. All Fall 2025 new members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI.

5-year roll off: May 21, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: TAU KAPPA EPSILON

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Multiple dates from 2021-2023

Description of hazing related findings:

During recruitment season in year 2021, 2022, and 2023, Potential New Members (PNMs) were required to obtain signatures from current members. Signatures required PNMs to complete tasks, such as get a brother a drink out of a cooler, bend over and spell RUN, go tell another PNM the story the brother told one member so that the brother would not have to repeat himself, give a brother money to go rollerblading, and set up a camping sight.

Sanctions

1. Probated Suspension for one year: The organizations registration is conditionally maintained. However, any further violations of university policy will result in the immediate suspension of registration.
2. All current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.
3. All Fall 2025 potential new members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: October 7, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: DELTA SIGMA PHI

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: September 2025

Investigation Dates: September 22, 2025 – October 1, 2025

Decision Date: October 2, 2025

Description of hazing related findings:

On September 18, 2025, during recruitment season, a current member of Delta Sigma Phi posted in the group chat for Potential New Members (PNMs): “I need someone to take me and three people to Buckhead right now. I’ll send you \$20. I’d highly suggest you accept.”

On September 19, 2025, also during recruitment season, a current member posted in the PNMs’ group chat: “Tomorrow you are all expected to help set up for the tailgate. Be at the tailgate lot by 1:25 and don’t be late. And bring beer.” When asked how much beer to bring, PNMs were instructed to each bring 30 beers, despite most of them being underage.

Notice:

September 29, 2025: Code Violation Notification

October 3, 2025: Code Violation Decision

October 9, 2025: Appeal Received

October 28, 2025: Appeal Decision Notice

Charges:

34. c) Distributing or providing alcohol to underage persons on campus

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? Yes

Sanctions

1. Suspension of the organization's registration with Fraternity and Sorority Life until June 2026, starting immediately.
2. Prior to Return 85% of current members of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity must participate in the Center for Young Adult Addiction and Recovery's Group Sanction Workshop through KSU.
3. Prior to Return, all current members of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity are to attend an anti-hazing workshop/presentation held by either Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) or the Organization's Headquarters.

5-year roll off: October 30, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: SIGMA LAMBDA UPSILON

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: Fall 2025

Investigation Dates: November 4, 2025 – November 17, 2025

Decision Date: November 18, 2025

Description of hazing related findings:

During the Fall 2025 semester, Potential New Members were required to wear matching uniforms, have their hair braided, complete physical exercises, and present a gift to the chapter. These expectations were listed in the SLU manual as mandatory for all Potential New Members.

Notice:

November 7, 2025: Code Violation Notice

November 18, 2025: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Suspension of the organization's registration with Fraternity and Sorority Life until September 2026, starting immediately.
2. Prior to their return, they must review the New Member Process and work with their headquarters to ensure they align with KSU Policy.
3. Prior to Return, all current members of the Sigma Lambda Upsilon Sorority are to attend an anti-hazing workshop/presentation held by either Student Conduct and Academic Integrity (SCAI) or the Organization's Headquarters.

5-year roll off: November 18, 2030

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: December 2025

Investigation Dates: January 23, 2026 – February 10, 2026

Date of Decision: February 10, 2026

Description of hazing related findings:

In December of 2025, pyrophytes of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority were requiring new members to complete a specific number of service hours before they would be allowed to stroll.

Notice:

February 3, 2026: Code Violation Notice

February 10, 2026: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Probated Suspension through December 2026: The organization's registration is conditionally maintained. However, any further violations of university policy will result in the immediate suspension of registration.
2. Anti-Hazing Workshop (Due 7/1/26): 90% of all current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative of the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: February 10, 2031

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: Omega Psi Phi

The date(s) on which the hazing occurred: April 2026

Investigation Dates: April 27, 2026 – May 28, 2026

Date of Decision: May 29, 2026

Description of hazing related findings:

In April of 2026, new members of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity were encouraged to shave their heads as a tradition of the Fraternity.

Notice:

May 15, 2026: Code Violation Notice

May 29, 2026: Code Violation Decision

Charges:

29. Hazing

Were alcohol or drugs involved? No

Sanctions

1. Restriction of Social or Other Activities Sponsored by the Organization through May 28, 2027.
2. Anti-Hazing Workshop (Due 5/28/27): 100% of all current members must attend an anti-hazing workshop held by SCAI or a representative or the national headquarters.

5-year roll off: February 10, 2031