



Laws can never include “a laundry list long enough of prohibitive behaviors,” she says. So the effectiveness of legal action depends upon enforcement and broad interpretation.

“It makes us all feel good to change a law and say we're done,” says Ms. Pontikes. “But ... the cultural shift and the legal shift have to go together.”

Above, see maps of progress showing which states are bolstering protections against sexual misconduct in statehouses since the start of #MeToo.

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