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The Senate report on Monserrate is released

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ALBANY -- A report has been released about a Senate committee investigation of Sen. Hiram Monserrate's abuse of a girlfriend.

A news conference is just beginning, but here's the 54-page report in its entirety. Here's the nut of it, from the concluding recommendations:

The Select Committee finds that the nature and seriousness of Sen. Monserrate's conduct ... showed a reckless disregard for Ms. Geraldos well-being and for the severity of her injury. We therefore find that ... Sen. Monserrate's misconduct damages the integrity and reputation of the New York State Senate and demonstrates a lack of fitness to serve in the body.

Accordingly, the Select Committee recommends that Sen. Monserrate be sanctioned by the full Senate, and that the Senate vote to impose one of two punishments: expulsion, or in the alternative, censure with revocation of privileges.

A footnote explains that that revocation involves the "stripping of any Committee position or leadership post, the cessation of any payment of a legislative stipend beyond the Senate's base salary, and the loss of all seniority privileges."

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