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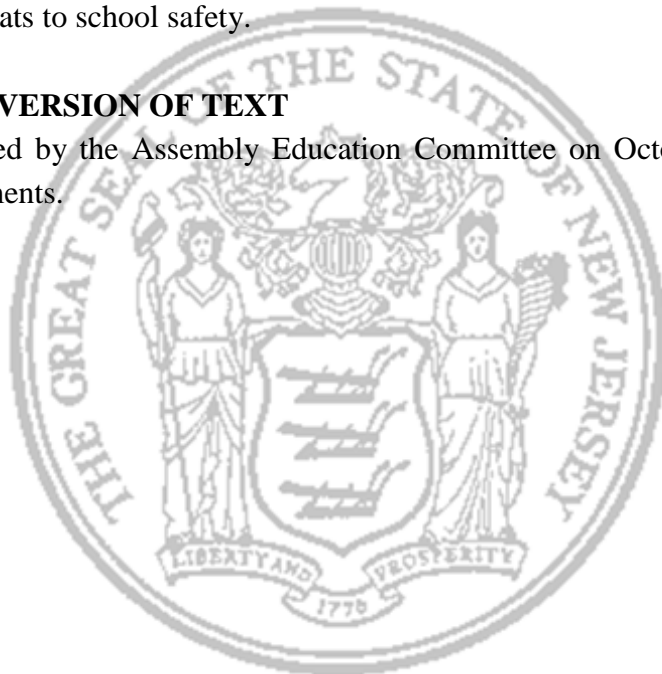
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SYNOPSIS

Directs Attorney General to establish program for anonymous reporting of potential threats to school safety.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Education Committee on October 21, 2024, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning school safety threats and supplementing
2 chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
5 of New Jersey:

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7 1. The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey, in
8 consultation with the New Jersey Education and Law Enforcement
9 Working Group, shall establish a program that provides the ability for
10 the public to anonymously report information concerning unsafe,
11 potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities in
12 schools or the threat of those activities. The program shall:

13 a. establish and maintain readily accessible methods of
14 anonymous reporting, which may include, but need not be limited to, a
15 telephone tip line, that is staffed by trained individuals at reasonable
16 hours each day of the week, and a mobile application;

17 b. allow for any member of the public to report information,
18 including students, parents, school staff members, and other
19 community members;

20 c. establish methods and procedures to ensure that the identity of
21 the reporting party remains unknown to all persons and entities, except
22 in instances where the reporting party voluntarily discloses his identity
23 and verifies that his identity may be shared with law enforcement
24 officers, school officials, and employees operating the program;

25 d. promptly forward information received by the program to the
26 appropriate law enforcement agencies or school officials;

27 e. provide training to law enforcement dispatch centers, ¹**[**school
28 districts,**]** all public and¹ nonpublic schools, and other entities
29 determined by the Attorney General on awareness of the program and
30 appropriate response to tips received through the program;

31 f. provide proper guidelines for students regarding the procedures
32 for anonymously reporting information concerning potential threats to
33 school safety; and

34 g. provide program awareness and education materials to all
35 public and nonpublic schools in the State.

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37 2. a. The Attorney General shall annually prepare a report on
38 the program. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the
39 following:

40 (1) the total number of reports made to the program,
41 disaggregated by subgroups to be determined by the Attorney
42 General;

43 (2) the dates, times, and means of reporting;

44 (3) the total number of instances of misuse of the program; and

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AED committee amendments adopted October 21, 2024.

1 (4) a summary of the outcomes and actions taken on reports
2 made to the program.

3 b. The Attorney General shall submit the report to the
4 Governor and the Education Committees of the Senate and General
5 Assembly and post the report on the Internet website of the
6 Department of Law and Public Safety by January 1 of the following
7 year.

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9 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
10 month next following the date of enactment.