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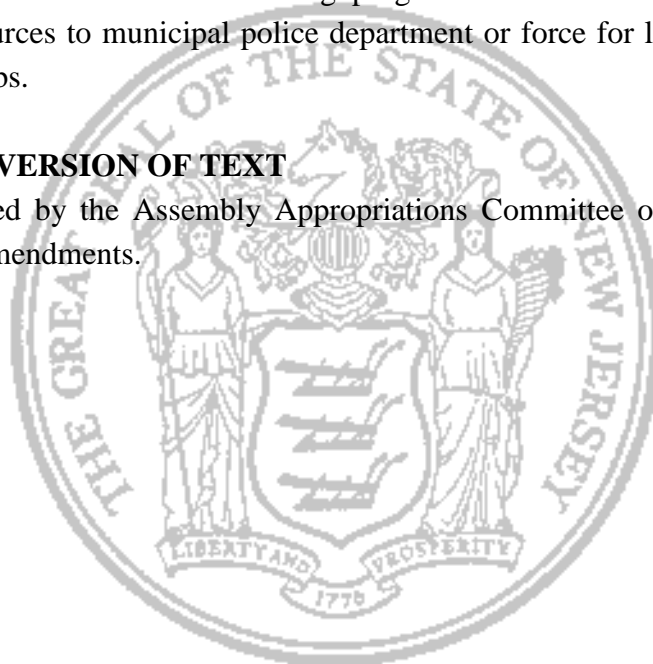
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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG to establish training program for crowd management and provide resources to municipal police department or force for large gatherings and flash mobs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Appropriations Committee on February 20, 2025, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT concerning ¹training law enforcement for¹ crowd
 2 management during certain large gatherings ¹and flash mobs¹ and
 3 supplementing Title 52 of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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 8 1. a. For purposes of this section:

9 “Flash mob” ¹**[or “pop-up party”]**¹ means a gathering ¹or pop-up
 10 party¹ of 50 or more persons, typically organized through social media
 11 or other electronic communication, that occurs without advance notice
 12 to the municipality or other local governmental unit and that impacts
 13 public safety.

14 “Large-scale gathering” means any public or private gathering with
 15 greater than 500 attendees.

16 b. The Attorney General, in consultation with the Superintendent
 17 of State Police, the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management,
 18 and the New Jersey State Association of Chiefs of Police, shall
 19 establish a training program for any municipal police department or
 20 force located within a municipality that, within the preceding twelve
 21 months, hosted two or more large-scale ¹**[social]**¹ gatherings or
 22 ¹**[had]** where¹ a flash mob ¹**[or pop-up party occur]** occurred¹. The
 23 training program shall include, but not be limited to:

- 24 (1) general crowd management techniques;
 25 (2) crowd management techniques applicable to juveniles;
 26 (3) strategies for responding to social media activity related to
 27 large-scale gatherings ¹or flash mobs¹;
 28 (4) best practices for coordination and resource sharing with
 29 neighboring law enforcement agencies; and
 30 (5) best practices for ensuring the safety of attendees, the public,
 31 and law enforcement during a ¹**[flash mob or]**¹ large-scale gathering
 32 ¹or flash mob¹.

33 c. The Attorney General shall make the following resources
 34 available to any ¹**[local or]**¹ municipal police department or force that
 35 has participated in the training program established pursuant to
 36 subsection b. of this section:

- 37 (1) access to social media monitoring tools;
 38 (2) mobile command units that may be deployed during a large-
 39 scale gathering or, if practicable, during a flash mob ¹**[or pop-up**
 40 **party]**¹; and
 41 (3) ¹**[additional]**¹ personnel ¹**[support]**¹ from the New Jersey
 42 State Police ¹to provide support¹, as needed.

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 AAP committee amendments adopted February 20, 2025.

1 ¹d.¹ The Attorney General shall establish a process for
2 ¹**requesting** a municipal police department or force to request¹
3 immediate support during a flash mob ¹**or pop-up party**¹.

4 ¹**d.** e.¹ Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
5 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Attorney General may
6 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the purposes
7 of this section.

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9 2. This act shall take effect immediately.