

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5024**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**221st LEGISLATURE**

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**Assemblyman GABRIEL RODRIGUEZ**  
**District 33 (Hudson)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Requires chief law enforcement officer of municipal police departments to hold two community roundtables on police relations each year.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning certain police community roundtables and  
2 supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey  
3 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. The chief law enforcement officer of a municipality shall  
9 sponsor an open community roundtable discussion on police  
10 relations at least twice per calendar year. One community  
11 roundtable shall be held in the spring and one community  
12 roundtable shall be held in the fall.

13 b. To maximize community participation, the sponsor of the  
14 community roundtable shall provide ample notice to the  
15 community, hold the roundtable at a central location in the  
16 municipality, and schedule the roundtable in the evening.

17 c. Topics to be addressed at the community roundtable shall  
18 include, but not be limited to:

- 19 (1) race relations and racial profiling;  
20 (2) recruitment, selection, and retention of officers;  
21 (3) training and education of recruits and supervisors;  
22 (4) regulation of body worn cameras; and  
23 (5) use of force, police misconduct, and internal affairs  
24 investigations.

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26 2. a. The Superintendent of State Police annually shall sponsor  
27 in the northern, central, and southern regions of the State an open  
28 community roundtable discussion on police relations at least once  
29 per calendar year in each region.

30 b. To maximize community participation, the sponsor of the  
31 regional community roundtable shall provide ample notice to the  
32 regional community, hold the roundtable at a central location, and  
33 schedule the roundtable during evening hours.

34 c. Topics to be addressed at the regional community roundtable  
35 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 36 (1) race relations and racial profiling;  
37 (2) recruitment, selection, and retention of officers;  
38 (3) training and education of recruits and supervisors;  
39 (4) regulation of body worn cameras; and  
40 (5) use of force, police misconduct, and internal affairs  
41 investigations.

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill requires certain law enforcement officials to hold periodic community roundtables on police relations.

Under the amended bill, the chief law enforcement officer of each municipal police department in this State is required to sponsor at least two community roundtables on police relations each year, and the Superintendent of State police is required to sponsor in the northern, central, and southern regions of the State an open community roundtable discussion on police relations at least once per calendar year in each region. To maximize community participation, the bill requires the sponsor of the regional community roundtable to provide ample notice to the regional community, hold the roundtable at a central location, and schedule the roundtable during evening hours.

Topics to be addressed at the community roundtables include race relations and racial profiling; recruitment, selection, and retention of officers; training and education of recruits and supervisors; regulation of body worn cameras; and use of force, police misconduct, and internal affairs investigations.