

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 246, *approved January 12, 2026*
Assembly, No. 4653 (*Second Reprint*)

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-
10 up party¹ of 50 or more persons, typically organized through social
11 media or other electronic communication, that occurs without
12 advance notice to the municipality or other local governmental unit
13 and that impacts public safety.

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

16 b. The Attorney General, in consultation with the
17 Superintendent of State Police, the New Jersey Office of
18 Emergency Management, and the New Jersey State Association of
19 Chiefs of Police, shall establish a training program ²**[for any**
20 **municipal]** to enhance the ability of a local² police department or
21 force ²**[located within a municipality that, within the preceding**
22 **twelve months, hosted two or more large-scale** ¹**[social]**¹
23 **gatherings or** ¹**[had] where**¹ **]** to manage an incident involving a
24 large-scale gathering or ² a flash mob ¹**[or pop-up party occur]**
25 ²**[occurred**¹]². The training program shall include, but not be
26 limited to:

27 (1) general crowd management ²and crowd control² techniques;

28 (2) crowd management ²and crowd control² techniques
29 applicable to juveniles;

30 (3) strategies for responding to social media activity related to
31 large-scale gatherings ¹or flash mobs¹;

32 (4) best practices for coordination and resource sharing with
33 ²county and² neighboring ²municipal² law enforcement agencies;
34 and

35 (5) best practices for ensuring the safety of attendees, the public,
36 and law enforcement during a ¹**[flash mob or]**¹ large-scale
37 gathering ¹or flash mob¹.

38 c. The Attorney General shall ²**[make]** establish and maintain
39 protocols through which² the following resources ²may be

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.

²Senate SBA committee amendments adopted March 17, 2025.

1 requested by and made² available to any ¹["local or"]¹ municipal
2 police department or force that ²["has participated in the training
3 program established pursuant to subsection b. of this section"]
4 requires assistance beyond its own personnel and resources in
5 managing an incident involving a large-scale gathering or flash
6 mob²:

7 (1) access to social media monitoring tools ²and intelligence
8 resources provided through the Division of State Police²;

9 (2) mobile command units that may be deployed during a large-
10 scale gathering or, if practicable, during a flash mob ¹["or pop-up
11 party"]¹; and

12 (3) ¹["additional"]¹ personnel ¹["support"]¹ from ²county and
13 neighboring municipal law enforcement agencies and from² the
14 ²["New Jersey"] Division of² State Police ¹to provide support¹, as
15 needed ², in accordance with principles established under the
16 protocols or any applicable memoranda of understanding or mutual
17 aid plan².

18 ¹d.¹ The ²["Attorney General shall establish"] protocols required
19 by this section shall include² a process ²["for ¹["requesting"] a
20 municipal police department or force to request¹] by which a
21 municipal police force or department may, for exigent need,
22 request² immediate support during a flash mob ¹["or pop-up party"]¹.

23 ¹["d."] e.¹ Pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
24 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), the Attorney General may
25 promulgate rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the
26 purposes of this section.

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28 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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