

P.L. 2025, CHAPTER 328, *approved January 20, 2026*
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1 AN ACT concerning sentencing of certain defendants who are
2 victims of abuse; amending N.J.S.2C:44-1, and supplementing
3 Title 2C 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. N.J.S.2C:44-1 is amended to read as follows:
9 2C:44-1. a. In determining the appropriate sentence to be imposed
10 on a person who has been convicted of an offense, the court shall
11 consider the following aggravating circumstances:
12 (1) The nature and circumstances of the offense, and the role of the
13 actor in committing the offense, including whether or not it was
14 committed in an especially heinous, cruel, or depraved manner;
15 (2) The gravity and seriousness of harm inflicted on the victim,
16 including whether or not the defendant knew or reasonably should
17 have known that the victim of the offense was particularly vulnerable
18 or incapable of resistance due to advanced age, ill-health, or extreme
19 youth, or was for any other reason substantially incapable of
20 exercising normal physical or mental power of resistance;
21 (3) The risk that the defendant will commit another offense;
22 (4) A lesser sentence will depreciate the seriousness of the
23 defendant's offense because it involved a breach of the public trust
24 under chapters 27 and 30 of this title, or the defendant took advantage
25 of a position of trust or confidence to commit the offense;
26 (5) There is a substantial likelihood that the defendant is involved
27 in organized criminal activity;
28 (6) The extent of the defendant's prior criminal record and the
29 seriousness of the offenses of which the defendant has been convicted;
30 (7) The defendant committed the offense pursuant to an agreement
31 to either pay or be paid for the commission of the offense and the
32 pecuniary incentive was beyond that inherent in the offense itself;
33 (8) The defendant committed the offense against a police or other
34 law enforcement officer, correctional employee or firefighter, acting in
35 the performance of the officer, employee, or firefighter duties while in

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:
¹Senate SJU committee amendments adopted December 15, 2025.
²Senate SJU committee amendments adopted January 8, 2026.

1 uniform or exhibiting evidence of his authority; the defendant
2 committed the offense because of the status of the victim as a public
3 servant; the defendant committed the offense against a sports official,
4 athletic coach or manager, acting in or immediately following the
5 performance of the person's duties or because of the person's status as
6 a sports official, coach or manager; or the defendant committed the
7 offense against any health care professional, volunteer working for a
8 health care professional or working at a health care facility, supportive
9 services staff member working for a health care professional or
10 working at a health care facility, or employee of a health care
11 professional or health care facility, while the health care professional,
12 volunteer, supportive services staff member, or employee is
13 performing official duties.

14 For the purposes of this paragraph, "health care facility" and
15 "health care professional" mean the same as those terms are defined in
16 subsection b. of section 3 of P.L.2023, c.48 (C.2C:12-3.1);

17 (9) The need for deterring the defendant and others from violating
18 the law;

19 (10) The offense involved fraudulent or deceptive practices
20 committed against any department or division of State government;

21 (11) The imposition of a fine, penalty, or order of restitution
22 without also imposing a term of imprisonment would be perceived by
23 the defendant or others merely as part of the cost of doing business, or
24 as an acceptable contingent business or operating expense associated
25 with the initial decision to resort to unlawful practices;

26 (12) The defendant committed the offense against a person who the
27 defendant knew or should have known was 60 years of age or older, or
28 disabled;

29 (13) The defendant, while in the course of committing or
30 attempting to commit the crime, including the immediate flight
31 therefrom, used or was in possession of a stolen motor vehicle;

32 (14) The offense involved an act of domestic violence, as that term
33 is defined in subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-
34 19), committed in the presence of a child under 16 years of age; and

35 (15) The offense involved an act of domestic violence, as that term
36 is defined in subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-
37 19) and the defendant committed at least one act of domestic violence
38 on more than one occasion.

39 b. In determining the appropriate sentence to be imposed on a
40 person who has been convicted of an offense, the court may properly
41 consider the following mitigating circumstances:

42 (1) The defendant's conduct neither caused nor threatened serious
43 harm;

44 (2) The defendant did not contemplate that the defendant's conduct
45 would cause or threaten serious harm;

46 (3) The defendant acted under a strong provocation;

47 (4) There were substantial grounds tending to excuse or justify the
48 defendant's conduct, though failing to establish a defense;

1 (5) The victim of the defendant's conduct induced or facilitated its
2 commission;

3 (6) The defendant has compensated or will compensate the victim
4 of the defendant's conduct for the damage or injury that the victim
5 sustained, or will participate in a program of community service;

6 (7) The defendant has no history of prior delinquency or criminal
7 activity or has led a law-abiding life for a substantial period of time
8 before the commission of the present offense;

9 (8) The defendant's conduct was the result of circumstances
10 unlikely to recur;

11 (9) The character and attitude of the defendant indicate that the
12 defendant is unlikely to commit another offense;

13 (10) The defendant is particularly likely to respond affirmatively to
14 probationary treatment;

15 (11) The imprisonment of the defendant would entail excessive
16 hardship to the defendant or the defendant's dependents;

17 (12) The willingness of the defendant to cooperate with law
18 enforcement authorities;

19 (13) The conduct of a youthful defendant was substantially
20 influenced by another person more mature than the defendant; **[and]**

21 (14) The defendant was under 26 years of age at the time of the
22 commission of the offense; and

23 (15) For an offense other than murder or a crime for which the
24 defendant would be required to register as a sex offender pursuant to
25 section 2 of P.L.1994, c.133 (C.2C:7-2), whether the defendant's
26 status as a victim of domestic violence as that term is defined in
27 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19), or other
28 evidence that the defendant was otherwise subjected to substantial
29 physical, sexual, or psychological abuse, and the domestic violence or
30 abuse was a contributing factor to the defendant's conviction. The
31 court may find that this factor applies regardless of whether the
32 defendant raised a defense that included the abuse. In addition to any
33 other evidence the court deems appropriate in determining whether
34 this factor applies, the court shall consider all relevant circumstances,
35 and shall take judicial notice of any evidence, testimony, or
36 information adduced at the trial, plea hearing, or other court
37 proceedings.

38 c. (1) A plea of guilty by a defendant or failure to so plead shall not
39 be considered in withholding or imposing a sentence of imprisonment.

40 (2) When imposing a sentence of imprisonment the court shall
41 consider the defendant's eligibility for release under the law governing
42 parole, including time credits awarded pursuant to Title 30 of the
43 Revised Statutes, in determining the appropriate term of imprisonment.

44 d. Presumption of imprisonment. The court shall deal with a
45 person who has been convicted of a crime of the first or second degree,
46 or a crime of the third degree where the court finds that the
47 aggravating factor in paragraph (5), (14), or (15) of subsection a. of
48 this section applies, by imposing a sentence of imprisonment unless,

1 having regard to the character and condition of the defendant, it is of
2 the opinion that the defendant's imprisonment would be a serious
3 injustice which overrides the need to deter such conduct by others.
4 Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection e. of this section, the
5 court shall deal with a person who has been convicted of theft of a
6 motor vehicle or of the unlawful taking of a motor vehicle and who
7 has previously been convicted of either offense by imposing a sentence
8 of imprisonment unless, having regard to the character and condition
9 of the defendant, it is of the opinion that imprisonment would be a
10 serious injustice which overrides the need to deter such conduct by
11 others. This subsection shall not apply to a person for whom the court
12 finds that the mitigating factor in paragraph (15) of subsection b. of
13 this section applies.

14 e. The court shall deal with a person convicted of an offense other
15 than a crime of the first or second degree, who has not previously been
16 convicted of an offense, without imposing a sentence of imprisonment
17 unless, having regard to the nature and circumstances of the offense
18 and the history, character, and condition of the defendant, it is of the
19 opinion that imprisonment is necessary for the protection of the public
20 under the criteria set forth in subsection a. of this section, except that
21 this subsection shall not apply if the court finds that the aggravating
22 factor in paragraph (5), (14) or (15) of subsection a. of this section
23 applies or if the person is convicted of any of the following crimes of
24 the third degree: theft of a motor vehicle; unlawful taking of a motor
25 vehicle; eluding; strict liability vehicular homicide pursuant to section
26 1 of P.L.2017, c.165 (C.2C:11-5.3); if the person is convicted of a
27 crime of the third degree constituting use of a false government
28 document in violation of subsection c. of section 1 of P.L.1983, c.565
29 (C.2C:21-2.1); if the person is convicted of a crime of the third degree
30 constituting distribution, manufacture or possession of an item
31 containing personal identifying information in violation of subsection
32 b. of section 6 of P.L.2003, c.184 (C.2C:21-17.3); if the person is
33 convicted of a crime of the third or fourth degree constituting bias
34 intimidation in violation of N.J.S.2C:16-1; if the person is convicted of
35 a crime of the third degree under paragraph (12) of subsection b. of
36 N.J.S.2C:12-1 or section 2 of P.L.1997, c.111 (C.2C:12-1.1); or if the
37 person is convicted of a crime of the third or fourth degree under the
38 provisions of section 1 or 2 of P.L.2007, c.341 (C.2C:33-29 or
39 C.2C:33-30).

40 f. **【Presumptive Sentences.** (1) Except for the crime of murder,
41 unless the preponderance of aggravating or mitigating factors, as set
42 forth in subsections a. and b. of this section, weighs in favor of a
43 higher or lower term within the limits provided in N.J.S.2C:43-6, when
44 a court determines that a sentence of imprisonment is warranted, it
45 shall impose sentence as follows:

46 (a) To a term of 20 years for aggravated manslaughter or
47 kidnapping pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection c. of N.J.S.2C:13-1
48 when the offense constitutes a crime of the first degree;

1 (b) Except as provided in subparagraph (a) of this paragraph to a
2 term of 15 years for a crime of the first degree;

3 (c) To a term of seven years for a crime of the second degree;

4 (d) To a term of four years for a crime of the third degree; and

5 (e) To a term of nine months for a crime of the fourth degree.

6 In imposing a minimum term pursuant to subsection b. of
7 N.J.S.2C:43-6, the sentencing court shall specifically place on the
8 record the aggravating factors set forth in this section which justify the
9 imposition of a minimum term.

10 Unless the preponderance of mitigating factors set forth in
11 subsection b. weighs in favor of a lower term within the limits
12 authorized, sentences imposed pursuant to paragraph (1) of subsection
13 a. of N.J.S.2C:43-7 shall have a presumptive term of life
14 imprisonment. Unless the preponderance of aggravating and
15 mitigating factors set forth in subsections a. and b. of this section
16 weighs in favor of a higher or lower term within the limits authorized,
17 sentences imposed pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection a. of
18 N.J.S.2C:43-7 shall have a presumptive term of 50 years'
19 imprisonment; sentences imposed pursuant to paragraph (3) of
20 subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-7 shall have a presumptive term of 15
21 years' imprisonment; and sentences imposed pursuant to paragraph (4)
22 of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:43-7 shall have a presumptive term of
23 seven years' imprisonment.

24 In imposing a minimum term pursuant to subsection b. of
25 N.J.S.2C:43-7, the sentencing court shall specifically place on the
26 record the aggravating factors set forth in this section which justify the
27 imposition of a minimum term.

28 (2) In cases of convictions for crimes of the first or second degree
29 where the court is clearly convinced that the mitigating factors
30 substantially outweigh the aggravating factors and where the interest
31 of justice demands, the court may sentence the defendant to a term
32 appropriate to a crime of one degree lower than that of the crime for
33 which the defendant was convicted. If the court does impose sentence
34 pursuant to this paragraph, or if the court imposes a noncustodial or
35 probationary sentence upon conviction for a crime of the first or
36 second degree, the sentence shall not become final for 10 days in order
37 to permit the appeal of the sentence by the prosecution. **】** (Deleted by
38 amendment, P.L. , c.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)

39 g. Imposition of Noncustodial Sentences in Certain Cases. If the
40 court, in considering the aggravating factors set forth in subsection a.
41 of this section, finds the aggravating factor in paragraph (2), (5), (10),
42 or (12) of subsection a. of this section and does not impose a custodial
43 sentence, the court shall specifically place on the record the mitigating
44 factors which justify the imposition of a noncustodial sentence.

45 h. Except as provided in section 2 of P.L.1993, c.123 (C.2C:43-
46 11), the presumption of imprisonment as provided in subsection d. of
47 this section shall not preclude the admission of a person to the

1 Intensive Supervision Program, established pursuant to the Rules
2 Governing the Courts of the State of New Jersey.

3 i. Notwithstanding any provision of N.J.S.2C:43-6 or any other
4 provisions of law to the contrary, in sentencing a defendant for whom
5 the court finds that the mitigating factor in paragraph (15) of
6 subsection b. of this section applies, the court may impose sentence as
7 follows:

8 ¹[(a) for a crime of the third degree, a term of not more than 18
9 months;

10 (b) for a crime of the second degree, a term of at least three years
11 but not more than five years;

12 (c) for a crime of the first degree, a term of at least five years but
13 not more than 10 years; and

14 (d) for a non-indictable offense, a sentence of probation or
15 conditional discharge]

16 (a) for a crime of the first degree, a term of at least five years but
17 not more than 10 years;

18 (b) for a crime of the second degree, a term of at least three years
19 but not more than five years;

20 (c) for a crime of the third degree, a term of not more than 18
21 months;

22 (d) for a crime of the fourth degree, a term of not more than six
23 months; and

24 (e) for a non-indictable offense, a sentence of probation or
25 conditional discharge¹ .

26 j. In determining whether the mitigating factor in paragraph (15)
27 of subsection b. of this section applies, the court shall consider all
28 relevant circumstances, and shall take judicial notice of any evidence,
29 testimony, or information adduced at the trial, plea hearing, or other
30 court proceedings and any additional relevant evidence including, but
31 not limited to:

32 (1) court records;

33 (2) social services records;

34 (3) presentencing reports;

35 (4) hospital records;

36 (5) sworn statements from a witness of the domestic violence who
37 is not the defendant;

38 (6) criminal records;

39 (7) domestic violence incident reports;

40 (8) protective orders;

41 (9) verification of consultation with a licensed medical care
42 provider or mental health care provider;

43 (10) testimony or a sworn statement from a trained professional
44 staff member of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member
45 of the clergy, a health care professional, or other professional from
46 whom the person has sought assistance in addressing the trauma
47 associated with being a victim, or a victim of any of the underlying
48 cases for which the defendant is being sentenced;

1 (11) Department of Corrections records; and

2 (12) any other evidence the court deems relevant.

3 (cf: P.L.2023, c.48, s.2)

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5 2. (New section) a. A defendant convicted of a crime prior to the
6 effective date of section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
7 Legislature as this bill) may petition the court for resentencing in
8 accordance with the provisions of this section, if the defendant:

9 (1) was convicted of a crime, other than murder or a crime for
10 which the defendant would be required to register as a sex offender
11 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1994, c.133 (C.2C:7-2);

12 (2) is incarcerated in a State correctional facility or county jail, or
13 is otherwise under the custody or supervision '1[~~of the~~]' of the
14 Department of Corrections;

15 (3) does not have an appeal pending and the time for filing an
16 appeal has expired;

17 (4) has not had their sentence suspended or been paroled or
18 discharged;

19 (5) was a victim of domestic violence as that term is defined in
20 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19), or was
21 otherwise subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or psychological
22 abuse;

23 (6) was convicted of a crime in which the domestic violence or
24 abuse was a contributing factor; and

25 (7) has not been resentenced or previously '1[~~sought~~] granted'
26 relief under this section.

27 b. A defendant shall be eligible for resentencing pursuant to this
28 section regardless of whether the defendant:

29 (1) raised a defense that included the abuse; or

30 (2) entered a guilty plea prior to the original sentencing.

31 c. Notwithstanding any court rule or any other provision of law to
32 the contrary, the court, upon consideration of a petition filed pursuant
33 to this section, may, in its discretion, modify, reduce, or suspend the
34 sentence, including any minimum or mandatory sentence or a portion
35 of the sentence imposed upon the person.

36 d. If the court determines that a change in the defendant's original
37 sentence is not warranted, the court shall issue a written order stating
38 the reasons for denying modification.

39 e. A defendant who seeks resentencing shall be represented by
40 the Office of the Public Defender for the purpose of filing a motion
41 under this section, unless the defendant retains other counsel.

42 f. A petition for resentencing pursuant to this section shall
43 include an affidavit setting forth the facts tending to establish that:

44 (1) the defendant was a victim of domestic violence as that term is
45 defined in subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19),
46 or has otherwise been subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or
47 psychological abuse; and

1 (2) the domestic violence or abuse was a contributing factor to the
2 defendant's conviction.

3 g. (1) A motion pursuant to this section shall be filed with the
4 Superior Court in the county where the conviction occurred. A copy
5 of the motion shall be served on the agency that prosecuted the case.

6 (2) The prosecutor shall file any response within 60 days. The
7 court may grant an extension of time for good cause.

8 (3) Except as ¹['provided']¹ otherwise provided in paragraph (4) of
9 this subsection, within 30 days of the date of filing of a motion for
10 resentencing pursuant to this section, the court shall set a date for a
11 resentencing hearing to be held within 180 days of the date of filing,
12 unless the court finds that the defendant has not met the requirements
13 for resentencing pursuant to this section, in which case the court shall
14 notify the defendant of any ¹['delinquencies'] deficiencies¹ in the
15 application and dismiss the petition without prejudice. A resentencing
16 hearing on a motion filed pursuant to this section shall be held in the
17 Superior Court in accordance with the Rules of Court.

18 (4) If the prosecutor does not file a written objection to the motion
19 for resentencing, the defendant's application shall be deemed
20 unopposed and the court may grant relief without a hearing. Any
21 objection filed by the prosecutor shall not be deemed determinative,
22 and the court may grant relief over an objection.

23 h. The Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, in
24 consultation with the State Domestic Violence Working Group, shall
25 develop and promulgate a form, which a defendant shall use to initiate
26 an application for resentencing. This form shall be readily available in
27 all State correctional facilities; county jails; and all Superior and
28 municipal courts. The form shall be made available in at least the five
29 most common languages spoken in the State.

30 i. Applications made to the Superior Court under this section and
31 all associated supporting documents filed with the applications shall
32 remain confidential, and shall not be disseminated or disclosed
33 publicly, in whole or in part, except to another court, or a law
34 enforcement or correctional agency as required by law, or a victim of
35 any of the underlying cases for which the petitioner is seeking
36 resentencing. The county prosecutor shall immediately notify the
37 victim of an underlying case for which a petitioner is seeking
38 resentencing pursuant to this section.

39 j. At the hearing for resentencing, the court shall determine
40 whether:

41 (1) the defendant was a victim of domestic violence as that term is
42 defined in subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19),
43 or was otherwise subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or
44 psychological abuse;

45 (2) the domestic violence or abuse was a contributing factor to the
46 person's conviction; and

47 (3) the defendant would have been entitled to a reduced sentence
48 pursuant to paragraph (15) of subsection b. of N.J.S.2C:44-1.

1 k. If the court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the
2 provisions of subsection j. of this section apply, the court shall modify,
3 reduce, or suspend the defendant's original sentence, including any
4 minimum or mandatory sentence or a portion of the sentence imposed
5 upon the defendant, in accordance with subsection i. of N.J.S.2C:44-1.
6 In calculating the new term to be served by the defendant, the
7 defendant shall be credited for any time served.

8 l. In determining whether the defendant shall be resentenced, the
9 court shall consider all relevant circumstances, and shall take judicial
10 notice of any evidence, testimony, or information adduced at the trial,
11 plea hearing, or other court proceedings including, but not limited to:

12 (1) the defendant's affidavit filed pursuant to subsection f. of this
13 section; and

14 (2) any additional relevant evidence including, but not limited to:

15 (a) court records;

16 (b) social services records;

17 (c) presentencing reports;

18 (d) hospital records;

19 (e) sworn statements from a witness of the domestic violence who
20 is not the defendant;

21 (f) criminal records;

22 (g) domestic violence incident reports;

23 (h) protective orders;

24 (i) verification of consultation with a licensed medical care
25 provider or mental health care provider;

26 (j) testimony or a sworn statement from a trained professional staff
27 member of a victim services organization, an attorney, a member of
28 the clergy, a health care professional, or other professional from whom
29 the person has sought assistance in addressing the trauma associated
30 with being a victim, or the victim of any of the underlying cases for
31 which the petitioner is seeking resentencing; and

32 (k) Department of Corrections records, including the institutional
33 record of confinement, which shall include, but not be limited to, any
34 participation in domestic violence awareness, parenting education,
35 substance abuse treatment, and other treatment or programming while
36 incarcerated, as well as the defendant's disciplinary history; the fact
37 that the defendant was unable to participate in treatment or
38 programming despite a willingness to do so shall not be considered
39 against the defendant; and

40 (l) any other evidence the court deems relevant.

41 m. If the court resentences the defendant pursuant to this section,
42 the sentence shall not become final for 10 days in order to permit the
43 prosecutor to appeal the sentence.

44 n. An appeal may be taken as of right from an order denying the
45 motion for resentencing, or from a new sentence imposed pursuant to
46 this section. The appeal may be based on the grounds that the term of
47 the new sentence is unduly harsh or excessive, or that the term of the
48 new sentence is unauthorized as a matter of law. The defendant may

1 request that the court assign a public defender to assist the defendant
2 with the preparation of, and representation in, any proceedings related
3 to an appeal. The public defender shall be assigned pursuant to
4 P.L.1967, c.43 (C.2A:158A-1 et seq.).

5 o. The court shall note in any decision on an application for
6 resentencing pursuant to this section that the application was made and
7 decided pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
8 Legislature as this bill).

9 p. A defendant may ²**file only one motion** be granted relief
10 only once² pursuant to this section. Nothing in this section shall
11 prohibit a defendant from pursuing resentencing under any other
12 provision of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes or the Rules of Court.

13 q. The Supreme Court may issue Rules of Court to effectuate the
14 purposes of this ¹**act** section¹.
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16 3. (New section) a. The Commissioner of Corrections shall notify
17 each eligible incarcerated person who was convicted of a crime prior
18 to the effective date of section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending
19 before the Legislature as this bill), and is serving a sentence, of the
20 right to seek resentencing pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.)
21 (pending before the Legislature as this bill). The commissioner shall
22 also provide the notification to the public defender and the
23 incarcerated person's attorney, as appropriate.

24 b. The notification shall state that an application for resentencing
25 may be filed by a person:

26 (1) who was convicted of a crime, other than murder or a crime for
27 which the defendant would be required to register as a sex offender
28 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1994, c.133 (C.2C:7-2);

29 (2) for whom the time for appeal has expired and no appeal is
30 pending;

31 (3) who has not had their sentence suspended or been paroled or
32 discharged;

33 (4) who was a victim of domestic violence as that term is defined
34 in subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19), or was
35 otherwise subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or psychological
36 abuse;

37 (5) for whom the domestic violence or abuse was a contributing
38 factor to the person's conviction; and

39 (6) who has not been resentenced or previously ¹**sought** granted¹
40 relief under this section.
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42 4. (New section) a. The Administrative Office of the Courts
43 shall develop and approve a training course and a curriculum to
44 implement the provisions of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before
45 the Legislature as this bill). The training course shall be reviewed at
46 least every two years and modified by the Administrative Office of
47 the Courts from time to time as need may require.

1 b. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall make the
2 training course, curriculum, and supporting materials available,
3 through annual in-service judicial training programs or other means,
4 to appropriate judges and judicial personnel who may be involved
5 with the court-related aspects of prosecutions of a defendant who
6 may be a victim of domestic violence as that term is defined in
7 subsection a. of section 3 of P.L.1991, c.261 (C.2C:25-19), or
8 otherwise was subjected to substantial physical, sexual, or
9 psychological abuse.

10 c. The Administrative Office of the Courts shall report to the
11 Governor and the Legislature annually on the number of
12 applications for resentencing pursuant to P.L. , c. (C.)
13 (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that were received,
14 considered, granted, and denied.

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16 5. Section 1 of this act shall take effect immediately, and
17 sections 2 through 4 of this act shall take effect on the first day of
18 the third month next following the date of enactment.

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23 Establishes new mitigating factor, reduced sentencing, and
24 resentencing for certain defendants who are victims of abuse.