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STATE OF NEW JERSEY
221st LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Attorney General to conduct study tracking residential burglaries and issue guidance to law enforcement and public.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the study and prevention of residential
2 burglaries, and supplementing Title 2C 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 Attorney General, in consultation with the
9 Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the
10 Superintendent of State Police, the New Jersey Association of Chiefs
11 of Police, and the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey,
12 shall conduct a study on residential burglaries in the State and shall
13 prepare and submit a written report, within six months of the effective
14 date of this act, to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991,
15 c.164 (C.52:14-19.1) the Legislature. Following the issuance of the
16 initial report, the Attorney General shall submit a report annually to
17 the Governor and the Legislature.

18 b. The report shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

19 (1) annual State residential burglary statistics beginning with
20 calendar year 2018 through the most recently available data, itemized
21 by county, including, but not limited to: the number of residential
22 burglaries reported, including whether the burglary occurred during
23 the day, night, or weekend, and whether any weapon was used; the
24 number of residential burglaries resulting in injury or death to a
25 resident or law enforcement officer; the number of residential
26 burglaries that coincided with theft of a motor vehicle; the average and
27 median dollar value of property damage or theft incurred; and the
28 number of adults and juveniles charged with and convicted or
29 adjudicated delinquent of burglary of a residence;

30 (2) a summary of law enforcement initiatives and activities,
31 including public awareness activities, implemented during the
32 reporting period to address the issue of residential burglaries
33 Statewide, and the effects of those initiatives and activities; and

34 (3) recommendations to decrease the number of residential
35 burglaries committed in the State, including any recommendations for
36 legislative or regulatory action that may be necessary to effectuate this
37 purpose.

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39 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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42 STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the
45 Administrative Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, the
46 Superintendent of State Police, the New Jersey Association of Chiefs
47 of Police, and the County Prosecutors Association of New Jersey, to

1 conduct a study and prepare a written report concerning residential
2 burglaries in the State.

3 The bill requires the report to include, but not be limited to:

- 4 • annual State residential burglary statistics beginning with
5 calendar year 2018 through the most recently available data,
6 itemized by county, including, but not limited to: the number of
7 residential burglaries reported, including whether the burglary
8 occurred during the day, night, or weekend, and whether any
9 weapon was used; the number of residential burglaries
10 resulting in injury or death to a resident or law enforcement
11 officer; the number of residential burglaries that coincided with
12 theft of a motor vehicle; the average and median dollar value of
13 property damage or theft incurred; and the number of adults
14 and juveniles charged with and convicted or adjudicated
15 delinquent of burglary of a residence;
- 16 • a summary of law enforcement initiatives and activities,
17 including public awareness activities, implemented during the
18 reporting period to address the issue of residential burglaries
19 Statewide, and the effects of those initiatives and activities; and
- 20 • recommendations to decrease the number of residential
21 burglaries committed in the State, including any
22 recommendations for legislative or regulatory action that may
23 be necessary to effectuate this purpose.

24 Under the bill, the Attorney General is required to submit an initial
25 report to the Governor and the Legislature within six months of the
26 bill's enactment, and to submit an annual report thereafter.