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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes Secretary of Higher Education to impose a fine against an institution of higher education that fails to appropriately respond to a student's allegation of sexual assault by another student.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning sexual assault at institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing chapter 61E of Title 18A of the
3 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. The Secretary of Higher Education shall impose a
9 penalty of \$10,000 against an institution of higher education in the
10 event that the secretary determines that the institution failed to
11 appropriately respond to and investigate an allegation of sexual
12 assault made by a student enrolled in the institution against another
13 such student, and to impose appropriate disciplinary action against
14 the perpetrator if the allegation is substantiated.

15 b. The civil penalty prescribed by subsection a. of this section
16 shall be collected and enforced by summary proceedings pursuant
17 to the provisions of the "Penalty Enforcement Law of 1999,"
18 P.L.1999, c.274 (C.2A:58-10 et seq.).

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20 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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25 This bill requires the Secretary of Higher Education to impose a
26 penalty of \$10,000 against an institution of higher education in the
27 event that the secretary determines that the institution failed to
28 appropriately respond to and investigate an allegation of sexual
29 assault made by a student enrolled in the institution against another
30 student, and to impose appropriate disciplinary action against the
31 perpetrator if the allegation is substantiated.