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SYNOPSIS

“Caylee’s Law;” requires missing child be reported within 12 hours.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning certain missing persons, designated as Caylee’s
2 Law, and supplementing Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. Every person shall report to a law enforcement agency any
8 child that is missing within 12 hours of when the person knows or
9 should have known of the child’s disappearance. A person who
10 fails to report a missing child within this period shall be guilty of a
11 crime of the fourth degree.

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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18 This bill would require a person to report a missing child to
19 police within 12 hours of when they knew or should have known of
20 the child’s disappearance. A person who violates this provision is
21 guilty of a crime of the fourth degree. Fourth degree crimes are
22 punishable by imprisonment of up to 18 months, a fine of up to
23 \$10,000, or both.

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25 This bill is in response to the Casey Anthony case, in which
26 Casey Anthony was found not guilty of killing her daughter,
27 Caylee. Caylee was not reported as missing until 31 days after she
disappeared.