

ASSEMBLY, No. 744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

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Sponsored by:

Assemblyman GORDON M. JOHNSON

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SYNOPSIS

Requires law enforcement agencies to provide internal affairs and personnel files of law enforcement officers to other agencies under certain circumstances.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning law enforcement agencies and supplementing
2 Title 52 of the Revised 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. a. Prior to appointing an applicant who was previously
8 employed by another law enforcement agency in this State, every
9 State, county, and municipal law enforcement agency shall request
10 the files, including but not limited to internal affairs and personnel
11 files, of the applicant from each law enforcement agency that
12 employed the applicant.

13 b. Every State, county, and municipal law enforcement agency
14 that receives a request pursuant to subsection a. of this section shall
15 provide the applicant's files to the State, county, or municipal law
16 enforcement agency that requested them.

17 c. The Attorney General shall issue guidelines or directives
18 necessary to effectuate the provisions of this act.

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20 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
21 after enactment, but the Attorney General may take any
22 administrative action in advance of the effective date as may be
23 necessary.

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STATEMENT

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28 This bill requires law enforcement agencies to provide internal
29 affairs and personnel files of law enforcement officers to other law
30 enforcement agencies under certain circumstances.

31 Under the provisions of this bill, prior to appointing an applicant
32 who was previously employed by another law enforcement agency
33 in this State, every State, county, and municipal law enforcement
34 agency is required to request the files, which include but are not
35 limited to internal affairs and personnel files, of the applicant from
36 each law enforcement agency that employed the applicant.

37 The bill requires every State, county, and municipal law
38 enforcement agency that receives a request pursuant to the
39 provisions of this bill to provide the applicant's files to the law
40 enforcement agency that requested them.