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SYNOPSIS

Codifies Executive Order No. 21 of 2018 and directs Attorney General to issue reports concerning guns used in commission of crimes in State.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning gun violence and supplementing Title 2C of the
2 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. The Legislature finds and declares:

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9 **WHEREAS**, Every New Jersey resident deserves to live in a community
10 that is safe, secure, and free from gun violence; and

11 **WHEREAS**, Gun violence takes a devastating toll on its victims, their
12 families, and the communities in which it occurs; and

13 **WHEREAS**, An average of 96 people in America die from gun violence
14 every day; and

15 **WHEREAS**, According to the most recent data, there were nearly 500
16 gun deaths in the State of New Jersey in 2016; and

17 **WHEREAS**, Every year, an average of over 116,000 people in the
18 United States are victims of gun violence, with 12,000 of those
19 being victims of homicide; and

20 **WHEREAS**, There have been more than 300 school shootings since the
21 tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary School; and

22 **WHEREAS**, No parent should live in fear that his or her child will be a
23 victim of gun violence; and

24 **WHEREAS**, Every child should grow up without fear that they may be
25 a victim of gun violence in their school or in their neighborhood;
26 and

27 **WHEREAS**, The issue of gun violence is not a new problem, but rather
28 one that has plagued communities throughout our State for far too
29 long; and

30 **WHEREAS**, In the face of numerous tragedies, the federal government
31 has repeatedly failed to act by not passing commonsense legislation
32 to curb gun violence; and

33 **WHEREAS**, To build a stronger and fairer New Jersey, we must seek to
34 eliminate gun violence in all our communities; and

35 **WHEREAS**, New Jersey has demonstrated itself to be a national leader
36 in efforts to reduce gun violence and will continue to be at the
37 forefront of the fight against gun violence and gun crimes; and

38 **WHEREAS**, Data indicates that approximately 80 percent of the guns
39 used in crimes committed in our State are trafficked from outside
40 the State of New Jersey; and

41 **WHEREAS**, Information about the guns used in crimes and the sources
42 of those guns should be available to the residents of this State in
43 order to increase public awareness of the impact of gun violence on
44 their communities and the effects of firearms trafficking into New
45 Jersey; now, therefore,

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47 2. The Attorney General shall compile and make publicly
48 available, a report to be issued every six months with information

1 related to firearms used in the commission of crimes in the State.
2 The Attorney General also shall issue a comprehensive annual
3 summary report.
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5 3. To the fullest extent practicable, the Attorney General shall
6 make such information available on the Internet website of the State
7 Police and on the Department of Law and Public Safety Internet
8 website.
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10 4. Each department, office, division, and agency of this State is
11 hereby required, to the extent not inconsistent with law, to
12 cooperate fully with the Attorney General and furnish the relevant
13 information and assistance on a timely basis as is necessary to
14 accomplish the purposes of this act.
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16 5. This act shall take effect immediately.
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19 STATEMENT
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21 This bill would codify Governor Murphy's Executive Order
22 issued on April 6, 2018 and would direct the Attorney General to
23 compile and make publicly available a report issued every six
24 months with information related to firearms used in the commission
25 of crimes in the State and a comprehensive annual summary report.

26 Under the bill, the Attorney General would make this
27 information available on the Internet website of the State Police and
28 on the Department of Law and Public Safety Internet website. In
29 addition, each department, office, division, and agency of this State
30 would be required to cooperate fully with the Attorney General and
31 to furnish the relevant information and assistance on a timely basis
32 as is necessary to accomplish the purposes of this bill.