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SYNOPSIS

Requires collection and reporting of information concerning crimes against the elderly and disabled.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning the reporting of certain crime information and
2 amending P.L.1966, c.37.

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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. Section 3 of P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-5.3) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. a. All local and county police authorities shall submit a
10 quarterly report to the Attorney General, on forms prescribed by the
11 Attorney General, which report shall contain the number and nature of
12 offenses committed within their respective jurisdictions, the
13 disposition of such matters, information relating to criminal street gang
14 activities within their respective jurisdictions, information relating to
15 any offense directed against a person or group, or their property, by
16 reason of their race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual
17 orientation, gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity
18 and such other information as the Attorney General may require,
19 respecting information relating to the cause and prevention of crime,
20 recidivism, the rehabilitation of criminals and the proper
21 administration of criminal justice.

22 b. A law enforcement officer who responds to an offense
23 involving criminal street gang activity shall complete a gang related
24 incident offense report on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of
25 State Police. All information contained in the gang related incident
26 offense report shall be forwarded to the Superintendent of State Police
27 for inclusion in the Uniform Crime Report.

28 c. A law enforcement officer who seizes or recovers a firearm
29 that was unlawfully possessed, used for an unlawful purpose,
30 recovered from a crime scene or is reasonably believed to have been
31 used in or associated with the commission of a crime, or is otherwise
32 acquired as an abandoned or discarded firearm shall complete, within
33 24 hours of the entering of the required information relating to that
34 firearm into the New Jersey Trace System and such other State and
35 federal database systems as prescribed by the superintendent, a seized
36 or recovered firearms incident report on a form prescribed by the
37 superintendent. The incident report shall be filed with the State Police
38 in a manner and time prescribed by the superintendent.

39 d. A law enforcement officer who responds to an offense
40 committed against an elderly or disabled person, including, but not
41 limited to, assault pursuant to N.J.S.2C:12-1, particularly, assault upon
42 an institutionalized elderly person, as defined in section 2 of P.L.1977,
43 c.239 (C.52:27G-2); abandonment or neglect of an elderly or disabled
44 person pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1989, c.23 (C.2C:24-8); or
45 endangering another person pursuant to section 1 of P.L.1989, c.23

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is
not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

1 (C.2C:24-7.1), shall complete an incident offense report on a form
2 prescribed by the Superintendent of State Police. All information
3 contained in the incident report shall be forwarded to the
4 Superintendent of State Police for inclusion in the Uniform Crime
5 Report.
6 (cf: P.L.2013, c.162, s.2)

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8 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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11 STATEMENT
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13 Currently, all local and county police authorities submit a
14 quarterly report to the Attorney General which contains the number
15 and nature of offenses committed within their respective
16 jurisdictions, the disposition of such matters, information relating to
17 criminal street gang activities, information relating to any offense
18 directed against a person or group, or their property, by reason of
19 their race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation,
20 gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity and such
21 other information as the Attorney General may require, respecting
22 information relating to the cause and prevention of crime,
23 recidivism, the rehabilitation of criminals and the proper
24 administration of criminal justice.

25 This bill would provide that crimes committed against persons
26 who are elderly or disabled are to be recorded in an incident report,
27 and that information relating to those crimes is to be included in the
28 crime report that the Attorney General prepares and transmits to the
29 Governor and Legislature. Such crimes include but are not limited
30 to: 1) assault (N.J.S.2C:12-1), including assault upon an
31 institutionalized elderly person; (2) abandonment or neglect of an
32 elderly or disabled person (N.J.S.A.2C:24-8); and (3) endangering
33 another person (N.J.S.A.2C:24-7.1).