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SYNOPSIS

Requires institutions of higher education to establish hotline for victims of campus sexual assault.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ACT** concerning services for victims of campus sexual assault
2 and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 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. An institution of higher education shall establish and
9 maintain a toll-free telephone hotline for victims of campus sexual
10 assault to call with inquiries concerning the information and
11 services available to victims of campus sexual assault. The hotline
12 shall be available to students and staff 24 hours a day, seven days a
13 week and shall be staffed by individuals with training in counseling
14 survivors of campus sexual assault. The individuals shall provide
15 all callers with the contact information for the Sexual Assault
16 Response Team of the county in the which the institution is located
17 established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.52:4B-54), or
18 in the case of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, with contact
19 information for the Rutgers Office for Violence Prevention and
20 Victim Assistance.

21 b. The institution shall prominently display information about
22 the hotline established pursuant to subsection a. of this section in
23 appropriate locations throughout each of its campuses. The
24 information shall give instructions to call 911 for emergencies and
25 shall include the contact information for the Sexual Assault
26 Response Team of the county in the which the institution is located
27 established pursuant to section 6 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.52:4B-54), or
28 in the case of Rutgers University-New Brunswick, with contact
29 information for the Rutgers Office for Violence Prevention and
30 Victim Assistance. The information shall be posted in high-traffic
31 and clearly visible public areas that are readily accessible to and
32 widely used by students, and in each dormitory.

33 c. No later than 15 days following the beginning of each
34 semester, an institution of higher education shall transmit to each
35 student via electronic mail the contact information for the hotline
36 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall first apply to
39 the first full academic year beginning after the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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44 This bill requires each institution of higher education to establish
45 and maintain a toll-free telephone hotline for victims of campus
46 sexual assault to call with inquiries concerning the information and
47 services available to victims of campus sexual assault. The hotline
48 must be available to students and staff 24 hours a day, seven days a

1 week and be staffed by individuals with training in counseling
2 survivors of campus sexual assault. Under the bill, these
3 individuals will provide all callers with the contact information for
4 the Sexual Assault Response Team of the county in the which the
5 institution is located, or in the case of Rutgers University-New
6 Brunswick, with contact information for the Rutgers Office for
7 Violence Prevention and Victim Assistance.

8 The bill also directs each institution to prominently display
9 information about the hotline in appropriate locations throughout
10 each of its campuses. The information must be posted in high-traffic
11 and clearly visible public areas that are readily accessible to and
12 widely used by students and in each dormitory. Finally, the bill
13 requires each institution to transmit to each student via electronic
14 mail the contact information for the hotline no later than 15 days
15 following the beginning of each semester.