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SYNOPSIS

Requires Prison Rape Elimination Act committee in each State correctional facility.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning Prison Rape Elimination Act committees in
2 State correctional facilities and supplementing Title 30 of the
3 Revised 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. Every State correctional facility shall establish a Prison Rape
9 Elimination Act (PREA) Committee to review complaints of sexual
10 abuse. The committee shall meet monthly. Minutes of each meeting
11 shall be recorded. Meeting minutes shall be approved by the
12 committee members within one week of the meeting and published
13 on the official website of the Department of Corrections.

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15 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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18 STATEMENT

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20 This bill requires every State correctional facility to establish a
21 Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Committee. The purpose of
22 the committee is to review complaints of sexual abuse in the
23 facility.

24 The PREA committee is required by the bill to hold monthly
25 meetings during which minutes are to be recorded. The committee
26 members have one week from the date of the meeting to approve
27 the minutes and arrange for the minutes to be posted on the official
28 website of the Department of Corrections.

29 The federal Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) was passed in
30 2003 for the purpose of determining the incidence and effects of
31 prison rape in Federal, state, and local correctional facilities. The
32 act also provides for information, resources, recommendations, and
33 funding to be dedicated to protecting inmates from prison rape.