

ASSEMBLY, No. 5744

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG to release bias incident data monthly.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning bias incidents and amending P.L.2007, c.303.

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. Section 5 of P.L.2007, c.303 (C.52:17B-5.4a) is amended to
7 read as follows:

8 5. a. The Attorney General shall maintain a central repository
9 for the collection and analysis of information collected pursuant to
10 section 3 of P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-5.3). Information in the
11 repository shall be made available to the public. The Attorney
12 General may designate the Division of State Police in the
13 Department of Law and Public Safety to be the agency to maintain
14 the repository and provide information from the repository to the
15 public.

16 b. The Attorney General shall release bias incident data
17 monthly, which shall be made available to the public on the Internet
18 website of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

19 As used in this subsection, “bias incident” means a suspected or
20 confirmed violation of paragraph (1) or (2) of subsection a. of
21 section 1 of P.L.2001, c.443 (C.2C:16-1).

22 (cf: P.L.2007, c.303, s.5)

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24 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires the Attorney General to release bias incident
30 data monthly.

31 Under current law, municipal and county law enforcement
32 agencies are required to submit quarterly reports to the Attorney
33 General, which include information regarding crimes committed
34 within their respective jurisdictions. These reports are required to
35 include information relating to any offense directed against a person
36 or group or their property, by reason of their race, color, religion,
37 gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression,
38 national origin, or ethnicity. The Attorney General is required to
39 issue an annual report containing the results of the information
40 reflected in these quarterly reports.

41 Under the provisions of this bill, in addition to the annual report,
42 the Attorney General is required to release bias incident data
43 monthly, which is to be made available to the public on the Internet
44 website of the Department of Law and Public Safety. Under the
45 bill, “bias incident” is defined as a suspected or confirmed violation
46 of certain provisions of the bias intimidation statute.

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.