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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Attorney General to establish and maintain domestic extremist organization database.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning domestic extremist organizations and  
2 supplementing Title 52 of the Revised 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. For the purposes of this section:

8 “Domestic extremism” means the activity of groups or  
9 individuals who commit or plan violent criminal acts motivated by a  
10 political or ideological viewpoint.

11 “Domestic extremist organization” means a group formed or  
12 individuals associated for the purpose of engaging in domestic  
13 extremism.

14 “Law enforcement agency” means” any federal, State, or local  
15 agency which is empowered by statute to act for the detection,  
16 investigation, arrest, conviction, detention, or rehabilitation of  
17 persons violating criminal laws.

18 “Military” means any branch of the Armed Forces of the United  
19 States, or a Reserve component thereof, or the National Guard of  
20 this State or another state as defined in section 1 of P.L.1963, c.109  
21 (C.38A:1-1).

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23 2. a. In consultation with the Director of the Office of  
24 Homeland Security and Preparedness, the Attorney General shall  
25 establish and maintain, at a publicly accessible location on its  
26 Internet website, a searchable database of information concerning  
27 domestic extremist organizations operating within or with any  
28 known connection to the State.

29 b. The database shall include, but not be limited to, the  
30 following information concerning each domestic extremist  
31 organization: any name or nickname associated with the  
32 organization; a description of the organization’s purpose and  
33 objectives; information concerning membership and recruiting  
34 tactics of the organization, including whether the organization is  
35 known to recruit current or former members of a law enforcement  
36 agency or the military; and any known criminal activities of the  
37 organization.

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39 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month  
40 next following the date of enactment, except that the Attorney  
41 General may take any anticipatory action as shall be necessary for  
42 the implementation of this act.

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STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the  
48 Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, to

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2 Internet website, a searchable database of information concerning  
3 domestic extremist organizations operating within or with any  
4 known connection to the State.

5 The bill defines a “domestic extremist organization” as a group  
6 formed or individuals associated for the purpose of engaging in  
7 domestic extremism. “Domestic extremism” is defined as the  
8 activity of groups or individuals who commit or plan violent  
9 criminal acts motivated by a political or ideological viewpoint.

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