

SENATE, No. 53

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Attorney General to develop program to assist schools in identifying at-risk youths.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 program to assist schools in identifying and aiding at-risk youths.

2 The bill defines “at-risk youth” as an elementary, middle, or high
3 school student who has been involved in a traumatic event in the
4 community. “Traumatic event” is defined as an incident involving
5 a law enforcement response and shall include, but not be limited to,
6 an at-risk youth being: arrested; reported missing; subjected to
7 violence, including domestic violence; a witness to the arrest of a
8 parent or family member; habitually truant; diagnosed with a mental
9 health issue or substance abuse issue; affected by family substance
10 abuse problems; or any other event law enforcement perceives as
11 traumatic to the youth.

12 Under the program, when an at-risk youth is involved in a
13 traumatic event, the responding law enforcement agency would be
14 required to submit a notification informing the appropriate safe
15 schools resource officer or designated school liaison that the at-risk
16 youth has been involved in a traumatic event. The bill requires the
17 notification include the name of the at-risk youth and the date on
18 which traumatic event occurred. However, the notification would
19 not include the specific details of the traumatic event. Upon
20 receiving the notification, the school attended by the at-risk youth
21 may take appropriate action and seek available social and
22 developmental resources for the at-risk youth.

23 The bill requires the Attorney General to develop and submit to
24 law enforcement agencies a standard form to be used when
25 reporting an at-risk youth’s involvement in a traumatic event.