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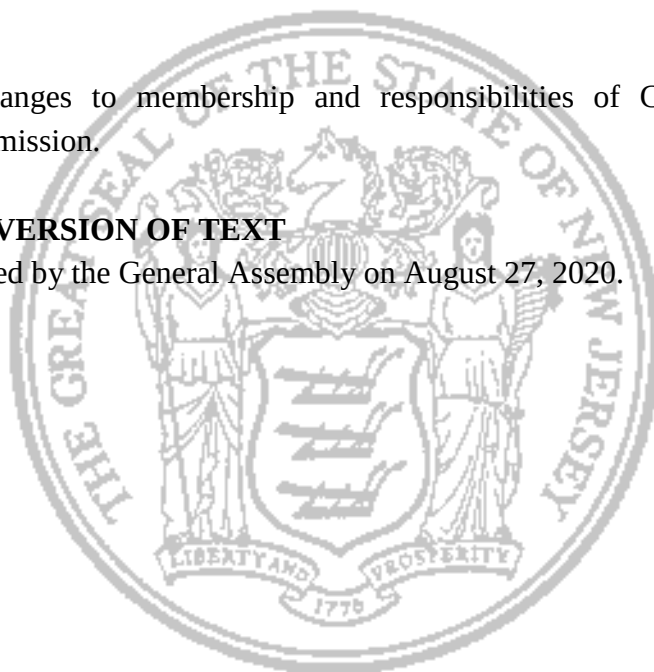
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SYNOPSIS

Makes changes to membership and responsibilities of Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the General Assembly on August 27, 2020.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)

1 AN ACT concerning the Campus Sexual Assault Commission and
2 amending P.L.2019, c.299.

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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. Section 1 of P.L.2019, c. 299 (C.18A:61E-7) is amended to
8 read as follows:

9 1. a. There is established a Campus Sexual Assault
10 Commission in, but not of, the Department of State. The
11 commission shall consist of 12 members including:

12 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, the Attorney General,
13 and the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of
14 Children and Families, or their designees, who shall serve ex
15 officio;

16 (2) five public members appointed by the Governor, including a
17 representative of the State colleges and universities established
18 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a
19 representative of the public research universities, a representative of
20 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges
21 and universities, and a representative of the New Jersey Coalition
22 Against Sexual Assault; and

23 (3) four public members with demonstrated **[expertise or**
24 **interest]** research or practitioner experience in issues related to **[the**
25 **work of the commission, including at least one individual who is a**
26 **campus sexual assault survivor]** campus sexual violence, including
27 at least one student who is currently involved in campus sexual
28 assault education or advocacy. The President of the Senate, the
29 Speaker of the General Assembly, the Minority Leader of the
30 Senate, and the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall each
31 appoint one of these public members.

32 b. The public members shall serve for a term of three years, but
33 of the members first appointed: three of the members appointed by
34 the Governor shall serve for a term of three years; one of the
35 members appointed by the Governor, the member appointed by the
36 President of the Senate, and the member appointed by the Speaker
37 of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of two years; and
38 one of the members appointed by the Governor, the member
39 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the member
40 appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall
41 serve for a term of one year.

42 c. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
43 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made and
44 a member may be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring

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.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly floor amendments adopted August 27, 2020.

1 other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired
2 term.

3 d. The members of the commission shall serve without
4 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
5 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the
6 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
7 commission for its purposes.
8 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.1)

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10 2. Section 2 of P.L.2019, c. 299 (C.18A:61E-8) is amended to
11 read as follows:

12 2. The commission shall organize as soon as practicable
13 following the appointment of its members, **【but no later than 60**
14 **days after the effective date of this act】** which shall take place
15 between 30 and 60 days after the issuance of the final report of the
16 Working Group on Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments
17 established pursuant to Executive Order No. 61 of 2019. The
18 commission shall choose a chairperson from among its members
19 and shall appoint a secretary who need not be a member of the
20 commission. The commission shall meet quarterly, at a minimum.
21 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.2)

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23 3. Section 4 of P.L.2019, c. 299 (C.18A:61E-10) is amended to
24 read as follows:

25 4. It shall be the responsibility of the commission to further the
26 work of the Task Force on Campus Sexual Assault established
27 pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165. In particular, the commission shall:

28 a. study and evaluate emerging issues, policies, and practices
29 concerning campus sexual assault, dating and domestic violence,
30 and stalking on college campuses;

31 b. monitor the response to, and implementation of, the
32 recommendations put forth in the report issued by the task force
33 established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165 and the Working Group on
34 Safe and Inclusive Learning Environments established pursuant to
35 Executive Order No. 61 of 2019;

36 c. supplement the findings and recommendations, as necessary,
37 of the report issued by the task force established pursuant to
38 P.L.2015, c.165;

39 d. **【develop and administer, in consultation with the Secretary**
40 **of Higher Education, a campus climate survey every three years】**
41 monitor the progress of, and offer technical assistance to,
42 institutions of higher education in implementing a campus climate
43 survey. An institution of higher education shall conduct a campus
44 climate survey '【every three】 at intervals no longer than four¹ years
45 and submit the de-identified survey data to the Office of the
46 Secretary of Higher Education. The Office of the Secretary of
47 Higher Education shall share the findings with the commission; and

1 e. develop an action plan ¹**【every three years】**¹ that includes
2 policies, programs, or procedures responsive to the issues and needs
3 identified **【in the】** by institutions of higher education from their
4 campus climate survey.

5 (cf: P.L.2019, c.299, s.4)

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7 4. This act shall take effect immediately.