

# SENATE, No. 2809

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 216th LEGISLATURE

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**Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

“Madison Holleran Proper Reporting Act”; requires institutions of higher education to post information on student suicides and attempted suicides on website.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning the reporting of certain information by  
2 institutions of higher education and supplementing chapter 3B of  
3 Title 18A of the New Jersey 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. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Madison  
9 Holleran Proper Reporting Act.”

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11 2. Beginning with the 2016-2017 academic year, an institution  
12 of higher education shall provide for public inspection on its  
13 website information concerning the total number of students  
14 enrolled in the institution who committed suicide or attempted  
15 suicide in the prior academic year. The institution shall update the  
16 information annually.

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18 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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21 STATEMENT

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23 This bill is entitled the “Madison Holleran Proper Reporting  
24 Act.” Madison Holleran, a track star at Northern Highlands  
25 Regional High School in Allendale, New Jersey, committed suicide  
26 in January of 2014 while enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania.

27 The bill requires an institution of higher education, beginning  
28 with the 2016-2017 academic year, to provide for public inspection  
29 on its website information concerning the total number of students  
30 enrolled in the institution who committed suicide or attempted  
31 suicide in the prior academic year. Under the bill, an institution  
32 must update the information annually.

33 According to the “2013 Youth Suicide Report” issued by the  
34 New Jersey Department of Children and Families, suicide is the  
35 third-leading cause of death for New Jersey youth ages 10-24. The  
36 most recent data for 2010-2012 shows that of the 233 youth suicides  
37 in New Jersey, 72% were committed by young adults ages 19-24.

38 Requiring an institution of higher education to provide  
39 information on students enrolled in the institution who commit  
40 suicide or attempt suicide will help raise awareness of this critical  
41 issue.