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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires president of public institution of higher education to regularly report on-campus criminal and fire events to the institution's governing board.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 AN ACT concerning safety at public institutions of higher education  
2 and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey  
3 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. The president of each public institution of higher education,  
9 or his designee, shall report to the governing board of the  
10 institution, at each of its regular meetings, all crimes, fires, and  
11 other emergencies which occurred on campus during the previous  
12 reporting period. The report shall include: a count and  
13 classification of all criminal incidents which occurred on campus  
14 and which were recorded by campus security and campus or local  
15 police departments; a list of campus alerts, threats, or emergencies  
16 which occurred on campus; and a count and classification of all fire  
17 incidents which occurred on campus and which were recorded by  
18 campus security and local fire departments. The report may also  
19 include: the status of all investigations of such acts or events, the  
20 type and nature of any discipline imposed on any student or  
21 employee identified as causing or contributing to an act or event;  
22 and any other measures imposed, training conducted, or programs  
23 implemented, to reduce the incidence of such acts and events.

24 For all matters in the report not subject to public inspection,  
25 examination, or copying under the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73  
26 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.); any other statute; regulation promulgated under  
27 the authority of any statute or Executive Order of the Governor;  
28 Executive Order of the Governor; or any federal law, federal  
29 regulation, or federal order, such matters shall be reported by the  
30 president to the board in an executive session and such reporting  
31 shall not render the information a government record available for  
32 inspection under the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et  
33 seq.); any other statute; regulation promulgated under the authority  
34 of any statute or Executive Order of the Governor; Executive Order  
35 of the Governor; or any federal law, federal regulation, or federal  
36 order.

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38 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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41 STATEMENT

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9 events; and any other measures imposed, training conducted, or  
10 programs implemented, to reduce the incidence of such acts and  
11 events.

12 The bill directs the president to report all matters that are not a  
13 matter of public record to the governing board in an executive  
14 session, and to clarify that such reporting does not render the  
15 information a government record available for public inspection  
16 under the provisions of P.L.1963, c.73 (C.47:1A-1 et seq.),  
17 commonly known as the open public records act, or under any other  
18 statute, regulation, executive order, or federal law, regulation, or  
19 order.