

# SENATE, No. 57

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 214th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2010 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator GERALD CARDINALE**

**District 39 (Bergen)**

### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires psychologists to video record sessions conducted with children alleged to be abused or neglected.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel



1    **AN ACT** concerning psychologists and supplementing Title 45 of  
2       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. In cases where there is an allegation of child abuse or neglect,  
8       a psychologist shall ensure that a video recording is made of each  
9       session conducted by the psychologist with the child who is the  
10      subject of an allegation of child abuse or neglect.

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12      2. A video recording made pursuant to this act shall be retained  
13      by the psychologist for a period of not less than 10 years.

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15      3. This act shall take effect on the 30th day after the date of  
16      enactment.

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STATEMENT

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21      This bill requires a psychologist to video record sessions  
22      conducted with a child who is the subject of an allegation of child  
23      abuse or neglect. This requirement will protect the interests of  
24      psychologists and children should issues or questions arise  
25      regarding the therapy provided during the sessions.