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SYNOPSIS

“Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act”; requires institutions of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning suicide prevention at institutions of higher
2 education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New
3 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 Suicide Prevention Act.”

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11 2. a. An institution of higher education shall have individuals
12 with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on
13 reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on
14 campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24
15 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals shall also work
16 with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and
17 risk factors associated with student suicide.

18 b. No later than 15 days following the beginning of each
19 semester, an institution of higher education shall transmit to each
20 student via electronic mail the contact information of the
21 individuals required pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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23 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of
24 enactment.

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27 STATEMENT

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29 This bill is entitled the “Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention
30 Act.” The bill requires an institution of higher education to have
31 individuals with training and experience in mental health issues
32 who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides
33 available on campus or remotely by telephone or other means for
34 students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals will
35 also work with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning
36 signs and risk factors associated with student suicide.

37 Under the bill, no later than 15 days following the beginning of
38 each semester, an institution must transmit to each student via
39 electronic mail the contact information of the individuals.