

**ASSEMBLY, No. 4650**

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**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires Attorney General to develop program to assist schools in identifying at-risk youths.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/23/2018)**

1 AN ACT establishing a program for at-risk youth and supplementing  
2 Title 52 of 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. a. As used in this act:

8 “At-risk youth” means an elementary, middle, or high school  
9 student who has been involved in a traumatic event in the  
10 community; and

11 “Traumatic event” means an incident involving a law  
12 enforcement response and shall include, but not be limited to, an at-  
13 risk youth being: arrested; reported missing; subjected to violence,  
14 including domestic violence; a witness to the arrest of a parent or  
15 family member; habitually truant; affected by family substance  
16 abuse problems; or any other event law enforcement perceives as  
17 traumatic to the youth.

18 b. The Attorney General, in consultation with the  
19 Commissioner of Education, shall establish a program to require  
20 law enforcement agencies to coordinate with local school districts  
21 to identify at-risk youth within their communities. Under the  
22 program, when an at-risk youth is involved in a traumatic event, the  
23 responding law enforcement agency shall submit a notification  
24 informing the appropriate safe schools resource officer or  
25 designated school liaison that the at-risk youth has been involved in  
26 a traumatic event. The notification shall include the name of the at-  
27 risk youth and the date on which the traumatic event occurred. A  
28 notification submitted pursuant to this subsection shall not include  
29 the specific details of the traumatic event.

30 c. Upon receiving a notification pursuant to subsection b. of  
31 this section, the school attended by the at-risk youth may take  
32 appropriate action and seek available social and developmental  
33 resources for the at-risk youth.

34 d. The Attorney General shall develop and submit to law  
35 enforcement agencies a standard form to be used when notifying a  
36 school of at-risk youth’s involvement in a traumatic event.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh  
39 month following enactment, but the Attorney General and the  
40 Commissioner of Education may take any anticipatory  
41 administrative action in advance thereof as may be necessary for the  
42 implementation of this act.

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45 STATEMENT

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47 This bill requires the Attorney General, in consultation with the  
48 Commissioner of Education, to establish a law enforcement

1 program to assist schools in identifying and aiding at-risk youths.

2 The bill defines “at-risk youth” as an elementary, middle, or high  
3 school student who has been involved in a traumatic event in the  
4 community. “Traumatic event” is defined as an incident involving  
5 a law enforcement response and shall include, but not be limited to,  
6 an at-risk youth being: arrested; reported missing; subjected to  
7 violence, including domestic violence; a witness to the arrest of a  
8 parent or family member; habitually truant; diagnosed with a mental  
9 health issue or substance abuse issue; affected by family substance  
10 abuse problems; or any other event law enforcement perceives as  
11 traumatic to the youth.

12 Under the program, when an at-risk youth is involved in a  
13 traumatic event, the responding law enforcement agency would be  
14 required to submit a notification informing the appropriate safe  
15 schools resource officer or designated school liaison that the at-risk  
16 youth has been involved in a traumatic event. The bill requires the  
17 notification include the name of the at-risk youth and the date on  
18 which traumatic event occurred. However, the notification would  
19 not include the specific details of the traumatic event. Upon  
20 receiving the notification, the school attended by the at-risk youth  
21 may take appropriate action and seek available social and  
22 developmental resources for the at-risk youth.

23 The bill requires the Attorney General to develop and submit to  
24 law enforcement agencies a standard form to be used when  
25 reporting an at-risk youth’s involvement in a traumatic event.