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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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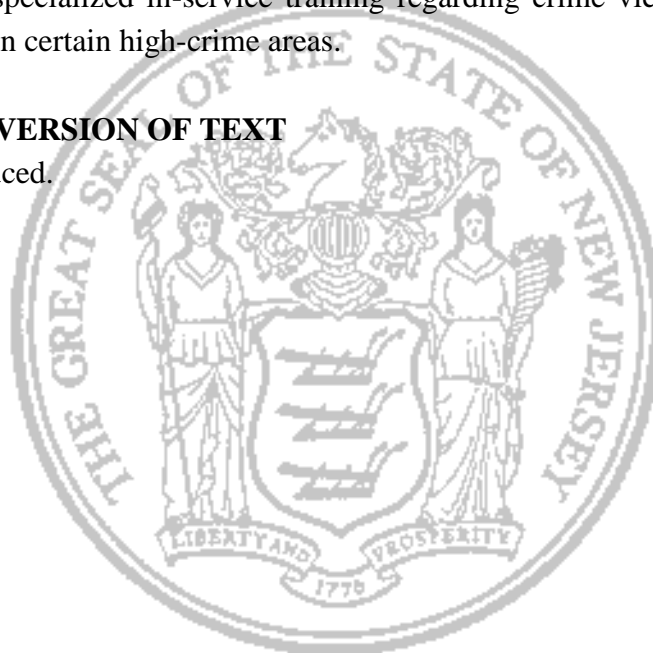
Assemblywomen Lopez, McKnight, Quijano and Senator Cunningham

SYNOPSIS

Requires specialized in-service training regarding crime victims for police departments in certain high-crime areas.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning law enforcement officer training and
2 supplementing 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 At least one law enforcement officer in every State,
8 county, and municipal police department located in the six urban
9 municipalities with the highest crime index in this State, according
10 to the most recent Uniform Crime Report prepared by the New
11 Jersey Division of State Police, shall receive in-service training on
12 the specialized needs of crime victims and available services in
13 accordance with subsection b. of section 9 of P.L.1985, c.404
14 (C.52:4B-47).

15 b. The Attorney General shall ensure that at least one law
16 enforcement officer in each police department in these
17 municipalities has successfully completed the required in-service
18 training.

19 c. The Division of Criminal Justice shall provide assistance to
20 law enforcement agencies in implementing the training
21 requirements of this act.

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23 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh
24 month next following the date of enactment.

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STATEMENT

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29 This bill requires that at least one officer in each police
30 department located in a high-crime area in the State receives in-
31 service training on the specialized needs of crime victims and
32 available services.

33 In New Jersey, all law enforcement officers are required to
34 undergo a basic training course which consists, in part, of training
35 regarding the knowledge and understanding of the rights and the
36 needs of crime victims and witnesses, the role of law enforcement
37 officers in providing victim assistance, and the resources and
38 services available to assist the victim. In addition, current law
39 requires that in-service training is to be made available for police
40 officers concerning the specialized needs of crime victims and
41 available services. However, the law does not require that law
42 enforcement officers complete this in-service training.

43 This bill requires at least one law enforcement officer in every
44 State, county, and municipal police department located in the six
45 urban municipalities in this State with the highest crime index,
46 according to the most recent Uniform Crime Report, to successfully
47 complete the in-service training concerning crime victims and
48 available services. The bill requires the Attorney General to ensure

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1 that at least one law enforcement officer in each police department
2 in these municipalities has successfully completed the required in-
3 service training. The Division of Criminal Justice is required to
4 provide assistance to law enforcement agencies in implementing the
5 training requirements of the bill.