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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Campus Sexual Assault Commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT establishing a Campus Sexual Assault Commission and
2 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. a. There is established a Campus Sexual Assault Commission
9 in, but not of, the Department of State. The commission shall
10 consist of 12 members including:

11 (1) the Secretary of Higher Education, the Attorney General,
12 and the Director of the Division on Women in the Department of
13 Children and Families, or their designees, who shall serve ex
14 officio;

15 (2) five public members appointed by the Governor, including a
16 representative of the State colleges and universities established
17 pursuant to chapter 64 of Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes, a
18 representative of the public research universities, a representative of
19 the county colleges, a representative of the independent colleges
20 and universities, and a representative of the New Jersey Coalition
21 Against Sexual Assault; and

22 (3) four public members with demonstrated expertise or interest
23 in issues related to the work of the commission, including at least
24 one individual who is a campus sexual assault survivor. The
25 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the General Assembly, the
26 Minority Leader of the Senate, and the Minority Leader of the
27 General Assembly shall each appoint one of these public members.

28 b. The public members shall serve for a term of three years, but
29 of the members first appointed: three of the members appointed by
30 the Governor shall serve for a term of three years; one of the
31 members appointed by the Governor, the member appointed by the
32 President of the Senate, and the member appointed by the Speaker
33 of the General Assembly shall serve for a term of two years; and
34 one of the members appointed by the Governor, the member
35 appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate, and the member
36 appointed by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly shall
37 serve for a term of one year.

38 c. Vacancies in the membership of the commission shall be
39 filled in the same manner as the original appointments are made and
40 a member may be eligible for reappointment. Vacancies occurring
41 other than by expiration of a term shall be filled for the unexpired
42 term.

43 d. The members of the commission shall serve without
44 compensation but shall be reimbursed for reasonable expenses
45 necessarily incurred in the performance of their duties within the
46 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
47 commission for its purposes.

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9 Public members will serve for a term of three years.

10 The bill requires the commission to organize as soon as
11 practicable, but no later than 60 days after the effective date of the
12 bill's enactment. The commission will meet quarterly, at a
13 minimum.

14 The bill provides that it will be the responsibility of the
15 commission to further the work of the Task Force on Campus
16 Sexual Assault established pursuant to P.L.2015, c.165. In
17 particular, the commission is required to:

- 18 • study and evaluate emerging issues, policies, and practices
19 concerning campus sexual assault;
- 20 • monitor the response to, and implementation of, the
21 recommendations put forth in the report issued by the task
22 force;
- 23 • supplement the findings and recommendations, as necessary,
24 of the report issued by the task force;
- 25 • develop and administer, in consultation with the Secretary of
26 Higher Education, a campus climate survey every three years;
27 and
- 28 • develop an action plan every three years that includes
29 policies, programs, or procedures responsive to the issues and
30 needs identified in the campus climate survey.