

**SENATE, No. 3192**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 11 (Monmouth)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Directs Attorney General to establish program for anonymous reporting of potential threats to school safety.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/27/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning school safety threats and supplementing  
2 chapter 41 of Title 18A of the New Jersey 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. The Attorney General of the State of New Jersey shall  
8 establish a program that provides the ability for the public to  
9 anonymously report information concerning unsafe, potentially  
10 harmful, dangerous, violent, or criminal activities in schools or the  
11 threat of those activities. The program shall:

12 a. establish and maintain readily accessible methods of  
13 anonymous reporting, which may include, but need not be limited  
14 to, a telephone tip line and mobile application;

15 b. allow for any member of the public to report information,  
16 including students, parents, school staff members, and other  
17 community members;

18 c. establish methods and procedures to ensure that the identity  
19 of the reporting party remains unknown to all persons and entities,  
20 except in instances where the reporting party voluntarily discloses  
21 his identity and verifies that his identity may be shared with law  
22 enforcement officers, school officials, and employees operating the  
23 program;

24 d. promptly forward information received by the program to  
25 the appropriate law enforcement agencies or school officials;

26 e. provide training to law enforcement dispatch centers, school  
27 districts, nonpublic schools, and other entities determined by the  
28 Attorney General on awareness of the program and appropriate  
29 response to tips received through the program; and

30 f. provide program awareness and education materials to all  
31 public and nonpublic schools in the State.

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

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#### STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Attorney General to establish a program  
40 that provides a means for the public to anonymously report  
41 information concerning unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous,  
42 violent, or criminal activities in schools or the threat of those  
43 activities. The program will allow students, parents, school staff,  
44 and other community members to anonymously report information  
45 through readily accessible methods such as a telephone tip line or  
46 mobile application. The program must ensure that the identity of the  
47 reporting party remains unknown, except in instances where the  
48 reporting party voluntarily discloses his identity and verifies that his

1 identity may be shared with law enforcement officers, school  
2 officials, and employees operating the program. The bill requires  
3 that information received through the program be promptly shared  
4 with the appropriate law enforcement agencies or school officials.

5 Under the bill, training will be provided to law enforcement  
6 dispatch centers, school districts, nonpublic schools, and other  
7 entities determined by the Attorney General on awareness of the  
8 program and appropriate response to tips received through the  
9 program. In addition, program awareness and education materials  
10 will be provided to all public and nonpublic schools in the State.  
11 The program established under this bill would be similar to  
12 Colorado's "Safe2Tell" program, which provides an anonymous  
13 and readily accessible tool for the reporting and sharing of  
14 information regarding potential threats to school safety.