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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG issue annual report concerning sexual assault cases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Law and Public Safety Committee on December 10, 2020, with amendments.

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AN ACT concerning ¹[auditing] <u>reporting</u>¹ of sexual assault cases 1 2 and supplementing P.L.1985, c.404. 3 4 BE IT ENACTED by the Senate and General Assembly of the State 5 of New Jersey: 6 7 1. a. The Attorney General, in consultation with the county prosecutors, regularly shall ¹[audit] <u>report</u>¹ cases of sexual assault 8 and criminal sexual contact in this State. Information to be ¹[audited] 9 reported¹ shall include, but not be limited to, the number of sexual 10 11 assault and criminal sexual contact cases: (1) reported to law enforcement agencies ¹[and including a brief 12 summary of the facts of each case as specified in the police report **]**¹; 13 14 (2) in which reports or complaints were filed by victims; 15 (3) referred to the county prosecutor; (4) declined to be prosecuted by the county prosecutor and 1 <u>further</u> 16 classified by categorical description of¹ the reason for declining; 17 (5) resulting in indictments or other charges; 18 19 (6) downgraded from the New Jersey Superior Court to municipal 20 court: 21 (7) resulting in a plea-agreement and the specific disposition of the 22 case; and 23 (8) presented for trial and the specific disposition of the case. 24 b. The Attorney General shall include in the report any other 25 relevant information concerning statutory obligations to respond to and 26 investigate sexual assault or criminal sexual contact cases. 27 c. The Attorney General annually shall prepare a report 28 summarizing the information ¹[resulting from the audit]¹ required pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The annual report shall not 29 30 contain any personal or identifying information about any victim. The Attorney General shall submit the annual report to the Governor and, 31 32 pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the 33 Legislature. The annual report also shall be posted on the official 34 website of the Department of Law and Public Safety. 35 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month 36 37 next following enactment.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in **bold-faced brackets** [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined <u>thus</u> is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows: ¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted December 10, 2020.