

SENATE, No. 1568

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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By Senator BUBBA

1 AN ACT concerning penalties for certain sexual assaults and  
2 supplementing Title 2C 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. a. In addition to any sentence of incarceration imposed upon a  
8 male defendant convicted of aggravated sexual assault in violation of  
9 paragraph (1) of subsection a. of N.J.S.2C:14-2, the court may order  
10 the defendant to undergo a course of treatment with  
11 medroxyprogesterone acetate or its chemical equivalent upon the  
12 defendant's release from incarceration. Such treatment may begin  
13 prior to the defendant's release from incarceration.

14 b. A male defendant convicted of a second or subsequent violation  
15 of the offense set out in subsection a. of this section shall, in addition  
16 to any sentence of incarceration imposed, be ordered by the court to  
17 undergo a course of treatment with medroxyprogesterone acetate or  
18 its chemical equivalent upon his release from incarceration. Such  
19 treatment may begin prior to the defendant's release from  
20 incarceration.

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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27 This bill would require the court, as part of any sentence of  
28 incarceration imposed on a male defendant convicted of a second or  
29 subsequent offense of aggravated sexual assault upon a child under the  
30 age of 13, to order the defendant to undergo "chemical castration"  
31 (treatment with hormones that substantially reduce the sex drive). In  
32 the case of a first offender, this penalty could be imposed at the  
33 discretion of the court.

34 The bill is based on extremely successful chemical castration  
35 programs in Europe that have drastically reduced the recidivism rate  
36 among child molesters. Some reports indicate that the European

1 programs have dropped the repeat-offender rate from almost 100%  
2 down to 2%. Similar legislation was recently signed into law in  
3 California.

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8 Requires "chemical castration" of certain sex offenders.