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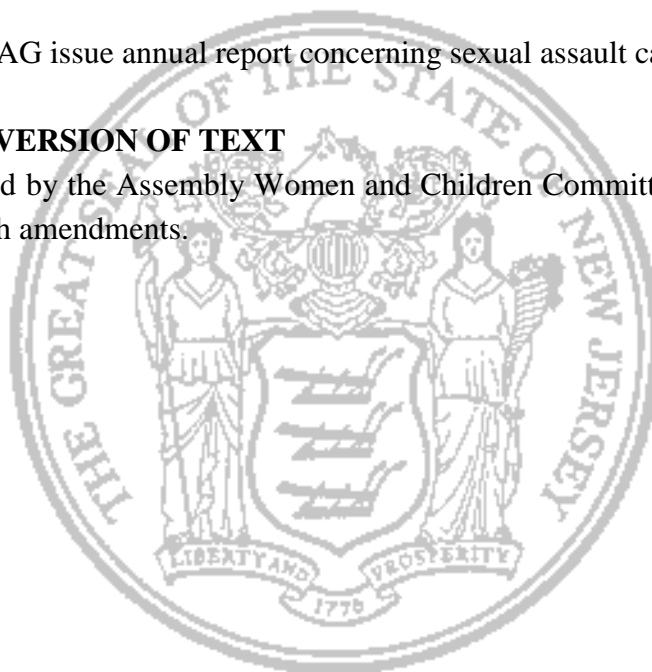
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SYNOPSIS

Requires AG issue annual report concerning sexual assault cases.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Women and Children Committee on February 23, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/1/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning auditing of sexual assault cases and
2 supplementing P.L.1985, c.404.

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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. The Attorney General, in consultation with the county
8 prosecutors, regularly shall ¹**[audit]** report¹ cases of sexual assault
9 and criminal sexual contact in this State. Information to be
10 ¹**[audited]** reported¹ shall include, but not be limited to, the number
11 of sexual assault and criminal sexual contact cases:

12 (1) reported to law enforcement agencies ¹**[and including a brief**
13 **summary of the facts of each case as specified in the police**
14 **report]**¹;

15 (2) in which reports or complaints were filed by victims;

16 (3) referred to the county prosecutor;

17 (4) declined to be prosecuted by the county prosecutor and
18 ¹further classified by categorical description of¹ the reason for
19 declining;

20 (5) resulting in indictments or other charges;

21 (6) downgraded from the New Jersey Superior Court to
22 municipal court;

23 (7) resulting in a plea-agreement and the specific disposition of
24 the case; and

25 (8) presented for trial and the specific disposition of the case.

26 b. The Attorney General shall include in the report any other
27 relevant information concerning statutory obligations to respond to
28 and investigate sexual assault or criminal sexual contact cases.

29 c. The Attorney General annually shall prepare a report
30 summarizing the information ¹**[resulting from the audit]**¹ required
31 pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The annual report shall not
32 contain any personal or identifying information about any victim.
33 The Attorney General shall submit the annual report to the
34 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
35 19.1), to the Legislature. The annual report also shall be posted on
36 the official website of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
39 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 thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AWC committee amendments adopted February 23, 2021.