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C.52:17B-9.20
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C.40A:14-118.6
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C.40A:14-106.4
§4 - Note

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 65, *approved April 19, 2021*
Senate, No. 3075 (*First Reprint*)

1 **AN ACT** establishing sexual violence liaison officers in certain
2 police departments and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised
3 Statutes and Title 40A of the New Jersey 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. The Superintendent of State Police shall designate the
9 Station Intervention Officer as the sexual violence liaison officer for
10 each State Police station.
11 b. The sexual violence liaison officer shall:
12 (1) serve as the station’s in-house expert on how to respond to
13 sexual violence cases;
14 (2) act as the primary point-of-contact for each local sexual
15 violence program and county Sexual Assault Response Team ¹**[as]**¹
16 established pursuant section 6 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.52:4B-54) to
17 coordinate an effective community response;
18 (3) when appropriately trained, provide in-house training on sexual
19 violence and support training implementation by the Victim Services
20 Unit;
21 (4) monitor the station’s compliance with sexual violence best
22 practices as set forth in the statutory law and Attorney General
23 policies; and
24 (5) serve in any other capacity deemed appropriate by the
25 superintendent.
26 c. A sexual violence liaison officer shall complete specialized
27 sexual violence training as specified by the superintendent.
28 d. A regional investigator of the Victim Services Unit of the
29 Division of State Police shall:
30 (1) be a member of the Victim Services Unit, or its successor;
31 (2) complete specialized sexual violence training as specified by
32 the superintendent; and
33 (3) represent the station at county meetings of the Sexual Assault
34 Response Team.

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:

¹Senate SLP committee amendments adopted December 10, 2020.

1 e. A member of the Division of State Police shall be disqualified
2 from serving as a sexual violence liaison officer or regional
3 investigator of the Victim Services Unit if:

4 (1) the member ¹**["has been"] is¹** the subject of an investigation
5 ¹for a complaint charging a violation of the internal rules and
6 regulations established for the conduct of the division¹ regarding
7 sexual violence, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, stalking, or
8 sexual harassment ¹or there are pending criminal charges against the
9 member for any of these offenses¹; or

10 (2) a court has issued a protective or restraining order against the
11 member.

12 f. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sexual ¹**["assault"]**
13 violence¹ liaison officer from simultaneously serving as a domestic
14 violence liaison officer or Megan's Law resource officer.
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16 2. a. The chief of police or other executive head of a municipal
17 police department and force established pursuant to the provisions of
18 N.J.S.40A:14-118 shall appoint a full-time sworn officer of the
19 department and force to serve as a sexual violence liaison officer.

20 b. The sexual violence liaison officer shall:

21 (1) serve as the department and force in-house expert on how to
22 respond to sexual violence cases;

23 (2) act as the primary point-of-contact for each local sexual
24 violence program and county Sexual Assault Response Team ¹**["as"]¹**
25 established pursuant section 6 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.52:4B-54) to
26 coordinate an effective community response;

27 (3) represent the department and force at county meetings of the
28 Sexual Assault Response Team;

29 (4) when appropriately trained, provide in-house training on sexual
30 violence;

31 (5) monitor the department and force's compliance with sexual
32 violence best practices as set forth in the statutory law and Attorney
33 General policies; and

34 (6) serve in any other capacity deemed appropriate by the chief of
35 police or other executive head of the department or force.

36 c. A sexual violence liaison officer shall complete specialized
37 sexual violence training as specified by the chief of police or other
38 executive head of the municipal police department and force.

39 d. An officer of the department or force shall be disqualified from
40 serving as a sexual violence liaison officer if:

41 (1) the officer ¹**["has been"] is¹** the subject of an investigation ¹for a
42 complaint charging a violation of the internal rules and regulations
43 established for the conduct of the department and force¹ regarding
44 sexual violence, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, stalking, or
45 sexual harassment ¹or there are pending criminal charges against the
46 officer for any of these offenses¹; or

1 (2) a court has issued a protective or restraining order against the
2 officer.

3 e. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sexual ¹**[assault]**
4 violence¹ liaison officer from simultaneously serving as a domestic
5 violence liaison officer or a Megan's Law resource officer.

6 ¹f. Nothing in this section shall preclude a municipal department
7 and force from:

8 (1) appointing more than one sexual violence liaison officer; or

9 (2) appointing the sexual violence liaison officer of another
10 municipal or county department and force as the liaison officer for the
11 department and force provided the liaison officer can adequately
12 perform the duties ¹required¹ of the officer pursuant to subsection b. of
13 this section.¹
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15 3. a. The chief of police or other executive head of a county
16 police department and force established pursuant to the provisions of
17 N.J.S.40A:14-106 through N.J.S.40A:14-117 shall appoint a full-time
18 sworn officer of the department and force to serve as the sexual
19 violence liaison officer.

20 b. The sexual violence liaison officer shall:

21 (1) serve as the department and force in-house expert on how to
22 conduct sexual violence cases;

23 (2) act as the primary point-of-contact for each local sexual
24 violence program and county Sexual Assault Response Team as
25 established pursuant section 6 of P.L.2001, c.81 (C.52:4B-54) to
26 coordinate an effective community response;

27 (3) represent the department and force at county meetings of the
28 Sexual Assault Response Team;

29 (4) when appropriately trained, provide in-house training on sexual
30 violence;

31 (5) monitor the department and force's compliance with sexual
32 violence best practices as set forth in the statutory law and Attorney
33 General policies; and

34 (6) serve in any other capacity deemed appropriate by the chief of
35 police or other executive head of the department or force.

36 c. A sexual violence liaison officer shall complete specialized
37 sexual violence training as specified by the chief of police or other
38 executive head of the county police department and force.

39 d. An officer of the department or force shall be disqualified from
40 serving as a sexual violence liaison officer if:

41 (1) the officer ¹**[has been]** is¹ the subject of an investigation ¹for a
42 complaint charging a violation of the internal rules and regulations
43 established for the conduct of the department and force¹ regarding
44 sexual violence, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, stalking, or
45 sexual harassment ¹or there are pending criminal charges against the
46 officer for any of these offenses¹; or

1 (2) a court has issued a protective or restraining order against the
2 officer.

3 e. Nothing in this section shall prohibit the sexual ¹**[assault]**
4 violence¹ liaison officer from simultaneously serving as a domestic
5 violence liaison officer or a Megan's Law resource officer.

6 ¹f. Nothing in this section shall preclude a county department and
7 force from:

8 (1) appointing more than one sexual violence liaison officer; or

9 (2) appointing the sexual violence liaison officer of another
10 municipal or county department and force as the liaison officer for the
11 department and force provided the liaison officer can adequately
12 perform the duties of the office pursuant to subsection b. of this
13 section.¹

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15 4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
16 next following enactment.

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21 Establishes sexual violence liaison officer in Division of State
22 Police and local police departments.