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SYNOPSIS

Requires chief law enforcement officer of municipal police departments to hold two community roundtables on police relations each year.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Law and Public Safety Committee on February 14, 2022, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning certain police community roundtables and
 2 supplementing chapter 14 of Title 40A of the New Jersey
 3 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 chief law enforcement officer of ¹~~the~~ a¹
 9 municipality ¹~~or, if the municipality does not have a chief law~~
 10 ~~enforcement officer, the Superintendent of State Police,~~¹ shall
 11 sponsor an open community roundtable discussion on police
 12 relations at least twice per calendar year. One community
 13 roundtable shall be held in the spring and one community
 14 roundtable shall be held in the fall.

15 b. To maximize community participation, the sponsor of the
 16 community roundtable shall provide ample notice to the
 17 community, hold the roundtable at a central location in the
 18 municipality, and schedule the roundtable in the evening.

19 c. Topics to be addressed at the community roundtable shall
 20 include, but not be limited to:

- 21 (1) race relations and racial profiling;
 22 (2) recruitment, selection, and retention of officers;
 23 (3) training and education of recruits and supervisors;
 24 (4) regulation of body worn cameras; and
 25 (5) use of force, police misconduct, and internal affairs
 26 investigations.

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 28 ¹2. a. The Superintendent of State Police annually shall sponsor
 29 in the northern, central, and southern regions of the State an open
 30 community roundtable discussion on police relations at least once
 31 per calendar year in each region.

32 b. To maximize community participation, the sponsor of the
 33 regional community roundtable shall provide ample notice to the
 34 regional community, hold the roundtable at a central location, and
 35 schedule the roundtable during evening hours.

36 c. Topics to be addressed at the regional community roundtable
 37 shall include, but not be limited to:

- 38 (1) race relations and racial profiling;
 39 (2) recruitment, selection, and retention of officers;
 40 (3) training and education of recruits and supervisors;
 41 (4) regulation of body worn cameras; and
 42 (5) use of force, police misconduct, and internal affairs
 43 investigations.¹

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 45 ¹~~2.~~ ^{3.}¹ This act shall take effect immediately.

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 ALP committee amendments adopted February 14, 2022.