

CHAPTER 137

AN ACT concerning victims of sexual assault and supplementing chapter 14 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.2C:14-2.1 Victim of sexual assault may consult with prosecutor on plea negotiations.

1. Whenever there is a prosecution for a violation of N.J.S.A.2C:14-2, the victim of the sexual assault shall be provided an opportunity to consult with the prosecuting authority prior to the conclusion of any plea negotiations.

Nothing contained herein shall be construed to alter or limit the authority or discretion of the prosecutor to enter into any plea agreement which the prosecutor deems appropriate.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved August 1, 2003.