

CHAPTER 332

AN ACT concerning criminal street gangs, amending P.L.1966, c.37, supplementing chapter 1 of Title 53 of the Revised Statutes and making an appropriation.

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

1. Section 3 of P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-5.3) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17B-5.3 Quarterly crime report by local and county police; contents, incidence of street gang activity.

3. a. All local and county police authorities shall submit a quarterly report to the Attorney General, on forms prescribed by the Attorney General, which report shall contain the number and nature of offenses committed within their respective jurisdictions, the disposition of such matters, information relating to criminal street gang activities within their respective jurisdictions, and such other information as the Attorney General may require, respecting information relating to the cause and prevention of crime, recidivism, the rehabilitation of criminals and the proper administration of criminal justice.

b. A law enforcement officer who responds to an offense involving criminal street gang activity shall complete a gang related incident offense report on a form prescribed by the Superintendent of State Police. All information contained in the gang related incident offense report shall be forwarded to the appropriate county bureau of identification and to the Superintendent of State Police.

C.53:1-15.1 Designation of crime related to street gang activity; offense for which fingerprinting required.

2. a. Upon the arrest of any person for a crime or offense for which fingerprinting is required, the arresting officer shall designate whether the crime or offense was related to criminal street gang activity on the form used for the collection of fingerprints pursuant to R.S.53:1-15. For the purposes of this section, a crime is related to criminal street gang activity if the crime was committed for the benefit of, at the direction of, or in association with a criminal street gang as defined in subsection h. of N.J.S.2C:44-3.

b. The form used for the collection of fingerprints pursuant to R.S.53:1-15 shall include a place for the arresting officer to designate whether the crime or offense was related to criminal street gang activity.

3. There is appropriated \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Law and Public Safety to effectuate the purposes of this act.

4. This act shall take effect on the first day of the seventh month following enactment.

Approved January 12, 2006.