

CHAPTER 174

AN ACT concerning certain reporting requirements, designated as Caylee's Law, amending P.L.1967, c.234, and supplementing chapter 12 of Title 2C of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1. Section 12 of P.L.1967, c.234 (C.52:17B-89) is amended to read as follows:

C.52:17B-89 Report of death required; violation.

12. Any person who may become aware of any death by criminal violence, by accident or suicide, or in any suspicious or unusual manner, shall report that death to the office of county medical examiner, the office of State Medical Examiner, or to the police department of the municipality in which the person died.

Any person who shall willfully neglect or refuse to report the death, or who, without an order from the office of county medical examiner or the office of State Medical Examiner, shall willfully touch, remove, or disturb the body of the person, or touch, remove or disturb the clothing upon or near the body, is guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

C.2C:12-1.3 Report of missing child required.

2. a. A parent, guardian, or other person with legal custody of a child who knew or should have known of the disappearance of a child for which that parent, guardian, or other person is responsible who fails to report the missing child to the appropriate law enforcement agency within 24 hours shall be guilty of a crime of the fourth degree.

b. For the purposes of this section, a "missing child" means a person 13 years of age or younger whose whereabouts are not currently known.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved January 5, 2012.