

CHAPTER 62

AN ACT concerning protocols for sexual assault victims and supplementing Title 52 of the Revised Statutes.

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

C.52:4B-44.3 Information available to victims of sexual assault.

1. Upon receiving a report of aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault as defined in subsection a. or c. of N.J.S.2C:14-2, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, the county prosecutor's office, or any other law enforcement agency involved in the case shall make a packet of information available to the victim in electronic or paper format that includes, but is not limited to:

- a. rights and laws pertaining to victims of sexual assault;
- b. the criminal justice process as it pertains to victims of sexual assault;
- c. existing medical, counseling, and mental health services available to victims of sexual assault;
- d. any additional services available to victims of sexual assault through the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy;
- e. a telephone number, established by the county prosecutor's office involved in the case, that the victim may call at any time for updates concerning the victim's case; and
- f. contact information for the appropriate county Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy.

The victim may elect to waive the right to receive the packet of information. Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or regulation to the contrary, the Office of Victim-Witness Advocacy, the county prosecutor's office, or any other law enforcement agency involved in the case shall not discuss or provide information regarding crime prevention strategies with an alleged victim of aggravated sexual assault or sexual assault.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Approved April 19, 2021.