

## CHAPTER 64

AN ACT concerning reporting of sexual assault cases and supplementing P.L.1985, c.404.

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

C.52:4B-44.4 Reporting of sexual assault, criminal sexual contact cases.

1. a. The Attorney General, in consultation with the county prosecutors, regularly shall report cases of sexual assault and criminal sexual contact in this State. Information to be reported shall include, but not be limited to, the number of sexual assault and criminal sexual contact cases:

- (1) reported to law enforcement agencies;
- (2) in which reports or complaints were filed by victims;
- (3) referred to the county prosecutor;
- (4) declined to be prosecuted by the county prosecutor and further classified by categorical description of the reason for declining;
- (5) resulting in indictments or other charges;
- (6) downgraded from the New Jersey Superior Court to municipal court;
- (7) resulting in a plea-agreement and the specific disposition of the case; and
- (8) presented for trial and the specific disposition of the case.

b. The Attorney General shall include in the report any other relevant information concerning statutory obligations to respond to and investigate sexual assault or criminal sexual contact cases.

c. The Attorney General annually shall prepare a report summarizing the information required pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The annual report shall not contain any personal or identifying information about any victim. The Attorney General shall submit the annual report to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature. The annual report also shall be posted on the official website of the Department of Law and Public Safety.

2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month next following enactment.

Approved April 19, 2021.