

SENATE, No. 2399

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 24, 2001

Sponsored by:

Senator PETER A. INVERSO

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Senator RAYMOND J. ZANE

District 3 (Salem, Cumberland and Gloucester)

Co-Sponsored by:

Senator Allen, Assemblymen Russo, Cohen and Gear

SYNOPSIS

Creates 24-hour hotline to receive complaints of computer crime.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/4/2002)

1 AN ACT concerning computer crime and amending P.L.1998, c.134.

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

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12 practices for children and their families, and methods to filter, screen
13 or block the receipt of objectionable material on interactive computer
14 services.

15 b. The department shall design a continuing educational program
16 to inform law enforcement, educational, civic and business groups on
17 the emerging issues of high technology crimes including those
18 perpetrated through the use of interactive computer services. This
19 continuing educational program shall be made available by the
20 department through the internet.

21 c. The department, in conjunction with the Statewide Computer
22 Crime Task Force, shall establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free
23 hotline telephone service. The department shall take appropriate steps
24 to publicize the hotline. The hotline shall receive and respond to
25 inquiries or complaints from members of the public reporting computer
26 crime, including but not limited to online child pornography; cyber-
27 stalking; threats of violence in schools or other institutions; internet
28 fraud, and unauthorized intrusions into computer systems.

29 (cf: P.L.1998,c.134,s.3)

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31 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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36 This bill would amend the "High Technology Crimes and Interactive
37 Computer Services Protection Act," P.L.1998, c.134, to add a 24-hour
38 toll-free hotline for members of the public to report computer crimes.

39 The bill provides that the Department of Law and Public Safety, in
40 conjunction with the Statewide Computer Crime Task Force, would
41 establish and maintain the hotline, and would take appropriate steps to
42 publicize the hotline to the public. The hotline would receive and
43 respond to inquiries or complaints from members of the public

EXPLANATION - Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in the above bill is not enacted and intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

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7 Justice and the High Technology Crime and Investigations Support
8 Unit in the Division of State Police, as well as representatives of
9 federal, county and municipal law enforcement.

10 This bill would implement a recommendation of the Computer
11 Crime Report, issued jointly by the State Commission of Investigation
12 and the Attorney General in June, 2000.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2399

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 14, 2001

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2399.

This bill would amend the "High Technology Crimes and Interactive Computer Services Protection Act," P.L.1998, c.134, to add a 24-hour toll-free hotline for the public to report computer crimes.

The bill provides that the Department of Law and Public Safety, in conjunction with the Statewide Computer Crime Task Force, would establish, maintain and publicize the availability of this hotline. Hotline operations would receive and respond to inquiries or complaints from citizens reporting computer crime, including but not limited to online child pornography; cyber-stalking; threats of violence in schools or other institutions; internet fraud, and unauthorized intrusions into computer systems.

The Statewide Computer Crime Task Force consists of the Computer Analysis and Technology Unit in the Division of Criminal Justice and the High Technology Crime and Investigations Support Unit in the Division of State Police, as well as representatives of federal, county and municipal law enforcement.

This bill would implement a recommendation of the Computer Crime Report, issued jointly by the State Commission of Investigation and the Attorney General in June, 2000.

FISCAL NOTE
SENATE, No. 2399
STATE OF NEW JERSEY
209th LEGISLATURE

DATED: OCTOBER 19, 2001

SUMMARY

Synopsis: Creates 24-hour hotline to receive complaints of computer crimes.
Type of Impact: Expenditure increase; General Fund.
Agencies Affected: Department of Law and Public Safety, Division of State Police.

Executive Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$283,000	\$276,000	\$294,000

Office of Legislative Services Estimate

Fiscal Impact	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>
State Cost	\$64,500	\$64,500	\$64,500

- ! The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) **does not concur** with the Executive estimate.
- ! Requires Department of Law and Public Safety to establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free hotline for the public to report computer crimes.

BILL DESCRIPTION

Senate Bill No. 2399 of 2001 requires the Department of Law and Public Safety, in conjunction with the Statewide Computer Crime Task Force, to establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free hotline for members of the public to report computer crimes. The bill requires the department to publicize the hotline.

The hotline would receive and respond to inquiries or complaints from the public reporting computer crimes.

This bill would implement a recommendation of the Computer Crime Report, issued jointly by the State Commission of Investigation and the Attorney General in June, 2000.

FISCAL ANALYSIS

EXECUTIVE BRANCH

The Division of State Police estimates the cost of the provisions of this bill at \$283,000 in the first year after enactment. This figure includes \$247,000 for the salaries and fringe benefits of four positions: one detective sergeant, one detective I, one detective II, and a clerk. The division estimates that another \$15,000 will be needed for supplies and \$21,000 for data processing and other services. After adjusting for inflation and certain one-time costs, the division estimates the second and third year costs of the bill at \$276,000 and \$294,000, respectively.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE SERVICES

The Office of Legislative Services (OLS) does not concur with the Executive estimate. OLS estimates the cost of this bill at \$64,500 in the first year after enactment. OLS observes that the division's estimate for additional personnel is excessive. Current staff can receive and respond to inquiries or complaints from the public reporting computer crime during normal business hours. OLS notes that this is currently part of the High Tech Crime and Investigations unit's mission. Calls originating during nonbusiness hours could be recorded by voice mail.

OLS notes that the cost to establish a toll-free number is \$50 per month plus 5.5 cents per minute for calls originating from New Jersey. OLS assumes that the unit will receive approximately 50 calls per month, at an average length of 15 minutes. Thus, the toll-free number would cost the unit approximately \$49,500 per year. Other costs would include publicizing the toll-free number. OLS estimates this cost at \$15,000 per year.

OLS observes that the High Tech Crime and Investigations unit may need the additional personnel noted in the division's estimate to respond to inquiries and complaints from the public, should the number of complaints increase substantially due to the availability of the toll free number.

Section: *Law and Public Safety*

Analyst: *James F. Vari*
Associate Fiscal Analyst

Approved: *Alan R. Kooney*
Legislative Budget and Finance Officer

This fiscal note has been prepared pursuant to P.L.1980, c.67.

ASSEMBLY APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2399

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: DECEMBER 13, 2001

The Assembly Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2399.

Senate Bill No. 2399 requires the Department of Law and Public Safety, in conjunction with the Statewide Computer Crime Task Force, to establish and maintain a 24-hour toll-free hotline for members of the public to report computer crimes and take appropriate steps to inform the public. The hotline would receive and respond to inquiries or complaints from members of the public reporting computer crime, including but not limited to online child pornography; cyberstalking; threats of violence in schools or other institutions; internet fraud, and unauthorized intrusions into computer systems.

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As reported, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2879, also as reported by the committee.

FISCAL IMPACT:

In the fiscal note to this bill, the Division of State Police estimated the cost to the State at \$283,000, \$276,000 and \$294,000 in the first three years. The Office of Legislative Services did not concur and estimated the cost at \$64,500 annually, stating that the estimated expense for additional personnel was excessive.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2879

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 209th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED OCTOBER 12, 2000

Sponsored by:

Assemblyman DAVID C. RUSSO

District 40 (Bergen and Passaic)

Assemblyman NEIL M. COHEN

District 20 (Union)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblyman Gear

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ASSEMBLY TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND UTILITIES
COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2879

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 4, 2001

The Assembly Telecommunications and Utilities Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2879.

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P.L. 2001, CHAPTER 334, *approved January 5, 2002*

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CHAPTER 334

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C.52:17B-193 Establishment, maintenance of information available through the Internet, continuing educational program; hotline telephone service.

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