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LEGISLATIVE HISTORY CHECKLIST

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CHAPTER 223

Bill No. A520

Sponsor(s) Herman and others

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ASSEMBLY, No. 520

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 1982 SESSION

By Assemblymen HERMAN, VILLANE, DOYLE and KERN

AN ACT concerning higher education, requiring the chancellor to monitor the incidence of violence and hazing in institutions of higher education, and supplementing Title 18A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

1 1. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall establish standards
2 and promulgate rules and regulations to monitor the incidence of
3 violence and hazing in the institutions of higher education in New
4 Jersey and shall establish a uniform record-keeping system for the
5 purpose of gathering information pertaining to such offenses. **As*
6 *used in this act "violence" means any crime against person or prop-*
7 *erty which creates a risk of causing bodily harm.**

1 2. Any employee of an institution of higher education observing
2 or having direct knowledge from a participant or victim of an act
3 of violence or hazing shall, in accordance with standards established
4 by the chancellor, file a report describing the incident to the chief
5 executive officer of the institution in a manner prescribed by the
6 chancellor, and a copy of the report shall be forwarded to the
7 State Department of Higher Education.

8 The chief executive officer of the institution shall notify the
9 State Department of Higher Education of the incident and of the
10 action taken regarding the incident.

1 3. The Chancellor of Higher Education shall include in his annual
2 report to the Governor and the Legislature, pursuant to N. J. S.

Matter printed in italics *thus* is new matter.

Matter enclosed in asterisks or stars has been adopted as follows:

*—Assembly committee amendment adopted March 8, 1982.

**—Senate committee amendment adopted June 10, 1982.

3 18A:3-21, a section detailing the extent of violence and hazing in
4 the institutions of higher education, explaining the measures being
5 taken to counter the problem, and making recommendations to
6 alleviate the problem.

1 4. This act shall take effect immediately ***and shall remain in*
2 *effect for a period of 3 years***.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to develop, through the Chancellor of Higher Education, a central monitoring system of violence and hazing on New Jersey college campuses. The incidents of rape, hazing injuries and other personal violence on college campuses has been increasing. Evaluating the nature and extent of the problem is made more difficult by the fact that many of these incidents go unreported at all, or are not reported to college authorities. This bill would require the chancellor to report on the incidence of campus violence, and the measures being undertaken or proposed to deal with the problem.

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ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION AND REGULATED
PROFESSIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 520

with Assembly committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 8, 1982

This bill directs the Chancellor of Higher Education to monitor the incidence of violence and hazing in institutions of higher education and to establish a record keeping system on such offenses. The bill also provides that a school employee who has knowledge of any violent incident must file a report with the institution's chief executive officer who shall forward it to the Department of Higher Education and, that the chancellor shall report to the Governor and the Legislature on the incidence of campus violence and the measures being undertaken to deal with the problem.

The committee amended the bill to define violence as any crime against person or property which creates a risk of causing bodily harm.

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 520

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with Senate committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 10, 1982

The Senate Education Committee favorably reports this bill and endorses the Committee Statement of the Assembly Higher Education and Regulated Professions Committee which reads as follows:

“This bill directs the Chancellor of Higher Education to monitor the incidence of violence and hazing in institutions of higher education and to establish a record keeping system on such offenses. The bill also provides that a school employee who has knowledge of any violent incident must file a report with the institution’s chief executive officer who shall forward it to the Department of Higher Education and, that the chancellor shall report to the Governor and the Legislature on the incidence of campus violence and the measures being undertaken to deal with the problem.

The committee amended the bill to define violence as any crime against person or property which creates a risk of causing bodily harm.”

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee has amended this bill to provide for a 3-year sunset provision.

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

RELEASE: IMMEDIATE

CONTACT: KATHERINE BROKAW

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 5, 1983

Governor Thomas H. Kean has signed the following bills:

S-998, sponsored by Senator Walter Rand (D-Camden), requires the Board of Public Utilities to institute a system of audits for gas and electric companies.

The audits would investigate the management and internal procedures of those companies under the Board's jurisdiction. They would occur every three years except when the Board deemed such an audit unnecessary; in that case, an audit would be done no less often than once every six years.

Audits would be carried out by the Board's staff or by a private firm, chosen by the utility from a list supplied by the Board. The expense of the audit would be charged to the utility.

A-520, sponsored by Assemblyman Martin A. Herman (D-Salem), directs the Chancellor of Higher Education to keep records of hazing incidents and other cases of violence in the State's institutions of higher education. The Chancellor shall then report the incidents to the Governor and the Legislature.

Under current law, colleges in New Jersey which have their own campus police are already required to file annual reports with the State Police detailing any instances of violence on their campuses.

S-942, sponsored by Senator John Caufield (D-Essex), allows State Investigators in the Division of Criminal Justice to administer oaths. Previously, they were required to obtain commissions as notaries public in order to have that power.

A-996, sponsored by Assemblyman John Doyle (D-Ocean), gives investigators in the Department of Corrections the power to make police arrests.

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