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entities conduct counter-terrorism investigations within New Jersey)

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SENATE: Law and Public Safety

AMENDED DURING PASSAGE: Yes

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Yes

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COMMITTEE STATEMENT: ASSEMBLY: Yes

SENATE: Yes

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FLOOR AMENDMENT STATEMENT: No

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ESTIMATE: No

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P.L.2013, CHAPTER 156, approved September 6, 2013 Assembly, No. 2948 (First Reprint)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹ [criminal surveillance] counter-terrorism 2 investigations by out-of-State law enforcement entities ¹ and 3 supplementing Title 2A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

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1. a. For the purposes of this act ¹[, "surveillance operation" means the act of monitoring, observing, listening to, or making a recording of a person or group of persons or their movements, activities and communications.]:

"Member of a New Jersey law enforcement agency" means any sworn or civilian employee of a law enforcement agency operating under the authority of the laws of the State of New Jersey;

"Out-of-State law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement agency or officer operating under the authority of the laws of another State; "Out-of-State law enforcement agency" shall not include a federal law enforcement agency, or task force operating under the auspices of a federal law enforcement agency;

"Law enforcement activity" means investigations, operations and intelligence gathering activity conducted by a law enforcement agency or officer; "law enforcement activity" shall not encompass non-investigatory conduct, including but not limited to participation in training classes or exercises, execution of child-support warrants, or transportation of incarcerated persons to and from this State;

"Counter-terrorism activity" means any activity undertaken by a law enforcement agency to investigate, detect, deter, or prevent the crime of terrorism as defined under the "September 11th, 2001 Anti-Terrorism Act," P.L. 2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-1 et seq.), or any other offense defined under chapter 38 of Title 2C of the Revised Statutes, or for an offense of a substantially similar nature committed in another jurisdiction, without regard to whether such crime is committed or intended to be committed in this State.

"Counter-terrorism watch" means a counter terrorism entity
 within the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence
 Center.

b. ¹[No law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, of another state shall conduct a surveillance

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

Matter underlined \underline{thus} is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AHS committee amendments adopted October 15, 2012.

- operation within the borders of this State unless that law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, has provided prior notice of the surveillance operation to the Attorney General, the superintendent of State Police, and the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction in which the operation is
- law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction in which the operation is
 to take place. The notification shall include:

- (1) the identity and qualifications of the investigative or law enforcement officers conducting the surveillance operation;
- (2) the identity of the particular person or group of persons, if known, who are the subject of the surveillance operation;
- (3) a statement of facts establishing the purpose of the surveillance activities and the character of the information that the law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer intends to obtain from conducting a surveillance operation;
- (4) the location of the surveillance operation or the particular place where the operation is to take place; and
- (5) a statement of the period of time during which the surveillance operation is to be conducted Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement agency or officer shall promptly notify the county prosecutor, or the county prosecutor's designee, when a law enforcement officer learns of, or acquires knowledge of, an out-of-State law enforcement agency that intends to enter, or has entered, the borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting law enforcement activities in this State. Notification required pursuant to this act shall include, but not be limited to:
- 27 (1) the date and time that the out-of-State agency's activity is 28 discovered;
 - (2) the nature, purpose, and scope of the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activities in this State;
 - (3) the out-of-State law enforcement agencies name and contact information; and
 - (4) the name and contact information of the law enforcement agency operating in the State of New Jersey.

The notification shall be given as soon as practicable, but in no event shall notification be provided later than 24 hours after learning of, or acquiring information concerning, the out-of-State agency's law enforcement activity in this State.¹

c. ¹ [Whenever, on the basis of available information, the Attorney General finds that a law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, of another state has violated the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, the Attorney General, or his designee, may seek and obtain in a summary proceeding in the Superior Court a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting that law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, from engaging in a surveillance operation. In such a proceeding the court may enter such orders as is necessary to prevent the performance of an

- 1 unlawful surveillance operation in violation of this act, or may
- 2 require compliance with the provision this act. All county
- 3 prosecutors shall promptly notify the counter-terrorism watch
- 4 within the New Jersey State Police when a law enforcement officer
- 5 learns of, or acquires knowledge of, an out-of-State law
- 6 enforcement agency that intends to enter, or has entered, the borders
- 7 which are under the jurisdiction of this State for the purpose of
- 8 conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State. Notifications
- 9 shall be provided in a manner and within the time limitations set
- 10 forth under subsection b. of this section.¹
- ¹[The Attorney General may promulgate rules and 11
- 12 regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act,"
- 13 P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the
- purposes of this act. I Upon receiving information that an out-of-14
- 15 State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the
- borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey 16
- for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this 17
- 18 State, the counter-terrorism watch shall notify the Superintendent of
- 19 State Police, or the Superintendent's designee, and the Director of
- 20 the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness.
- 21 The counter-terrorism watch shall communicate such information 22 provided by the county prosecutor to the designated staff of the
- 23 joint terrorism task force within the New Jersey State Police.
- 24 e. The Attorney General may promulgate rules and regulations,
- 25 pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410
- 26 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of this
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- 29 ¹2. a. Any out-of-State law enforcement agency as defined
- under section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.)(pending before the 30
- Legislature as this bill) that intends to enter the borders which are 32 under the jurisdiction of this State for the purpose of conducting
- 33 counter-terrorism activities in this State shall, no later than 24 hours
- 34 prior to entering New Jersey State borders, inform the county
- 35 prosecutor, or the county prosecutor's designee of the county in
- 36 which the counter-terrorism activity is to take place. Notification
- 37 required pursuant to this act shall include, but not be limited to:
- 38 (1) the date and time that the out-of-State agency intends to
- 39 conduct the counter-terrorism activity;
- 40 (2) the nature, purpose, and scope of the counter-terrorism
- activity that the out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to 41
- 42 undertake in this State; and
- 43 (3) the out-of-State law enforcement agency's name and contact
- 44 information.
- 45 Such notification shall be given as soon as practicable, but in no
- 46 event shall notification be provided later than 24 hours prior to the
- 47 counter-terrorism activities being carried out in this State.

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b. All county prosecutors shall promptly notify the counterterrorism watch within the New Jersey State Police upon receiving
notification from an out-of-State law enforcement agency provided
under subsection a. of this section.

c. Upon receiving information that an out-of-State law
enforcement agency intends to enter the borders which are under the

c. Upon receiving information that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter the borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State, the counter-terrorism watch shall notify the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, or the Superintendent's designee, and the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. The counter-terrorism watch shall communicate such information provided by the county prosecutor to the designated staff of Joint Terrorism Task Force within the New Jersey State Police.

d. The Attorney General may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.¹

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> ¹3. Whenever, on the basis of available information, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor, or his designee finds that an out-of-State law enforcement agency as defined under section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has violated the provisions of this act, by failing to adhere to the notification requirements pursuant to section 2 of P.L., c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor, or his designee, may seek and obtain in a summary proceeding in the Superior Court a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting that out-of-State law enforcement agency from conducting counter-terrorism activity within the borders of this State. In such a proceeding, the court may enter such orders as is necessary to prevent the performance of counter-terrorism activity in violation of the reporting requirement under this act, or may require compliance with the reporting requirements provided under the provisions of this act.¹

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¹[2.] <u>4.</u> This act shall take effect immediately.

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Sets forth certain reporting requirements when out-of-State law enforcement entities conduct counter-terrorism investigations within New Jersey.

ASSEMBLY, No. 2948

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED MAY 14, 2012

Sponsored by:
Assemblyman CHARLES MAINOR
District 31 (Hudson)
Assemblywoman ANNETTE QUIJANO
District 20 (Union)

SYNOPSIS

Requires out-of-state law enforcement entities to report surveillance activities in New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 10/16/2012)

1 AN ACT concerning criminal surveillance and supplementing Title 2 A of the New Jersey Statutes.

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

- 1. a. For the purposes of this act, "surveillance operation" means the act of monitoring, observing, listening to, or making a recording of a person or group of persons or their movements, activities and communications.
- b. No law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, of another state shall conduct a surveillance operation within the borders of this State unless that law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, has provided prior notice of the surveillance operation to the Attorney General, the superintendent of State Police, and the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction in which the operation is to take place. The notification shall include:
- (1) the identity and qualifications of the investigative or law enforcement officers conducting the surveillance operation;
- (2) the identity of the particular person or group of persons, if known, who are the subject of the surveillance operation;
- (3) a statement of facts establishing the purpose of the surveillance activities and the character of the information that the law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer intends to obtain from conducting a surveillance operation;
- (4) the location of the surveillance operation or the particular place where the operation is to take place; and
- (5) a statement of the period of time during which the surveillance operation is to be conducted.
- c. Whenever, on the basis of available information, the Attorney General finds that a law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, of another state has violated the provisions of this act or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, the Attorney General, or his designee, may seek and obtain in a summary proceeding in the Superior Court a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting that law enforcement agency, or investigative or law enforcement officer, from engaging in a surveillance operation. In such a proceeding the court may enter such orders as is necessary to prevent the performance of an unlawful surveillance operation in violation of this act, or may require compliance with the provision this act.
- d. The Attorney General may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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This bill requires out-of-state law enforcement entities to provide prior notice before conducting a surveillance operation in the State of New Jersey to the Attorney General, the superintendent of State Police, and the chief law enforcement officer of the jurisdiction in which a surveillance operation is to take place. The bill requires that a notification include the identity and qualifications of the law enforcement officers conducting a surveillance operation as well as the identity of the particular person or group of persons who are the subject of a surveillance operation. An out-of-state law enforcement entity is also required to provide a statement of facts establishing the purpose of the surveillance activities and the character of the information that may be obtained from surveillance. In addition, the bill requires that the notification include the intended location of the surveillance operation and a statement providing the time period during which surveillance is to be conducted.

Upon finding that an out-of-state law enforcement agency has not complied with the notification requirements under the bill, the Attorney General may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court. The bill allows the court to enter an order to prevent the performance of a surveillance operation, or to require compliance with the provisions of the bill.

ASSEMBLY HOMELAND SECURITY AND STATE PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

ASSEMBLY, No. 2948

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: OCTOBER 15, 2012

The Assembly Homeland Security and State Preparedness Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 2948.

As amended and reported by the committee, Assembly Bill No. 2948 sets forth the guidelines to be followed by a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who acquires knowledge that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State. Under the provisions of the amended bill, a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who learns of an out-of-State law enforcement agency conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State is required to notify the county prosecutor.

In addition, the bill requires that out-of-State law enforcement entities inform the county prosecutor 24 hours prior to entering the borders of the county in which the out-of-State entity intends to conduct counter-terrorism activities.

Within the 24 hour period established under the bill, the county prosecutor is required to report the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activity to the counter-terrorism watch within the Division of State Police. Upon receiving this information, the counter-terrorism watch is to notify the Superintendent of State Police, the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the designated staff of the Joint Terrorism Task Force within the Division of State Police.

Upon finding that an out-of-state law enforcement agency has not complied with the notification requirements under the bill, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court. The bill allows the court to enter an order to prevent the out-of-State law enforcement entity from conducting counter-terrorism activity or to require compliance with the provisions of the bill.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The committee amended the bill to adopt certain reporting requirements under current guidelines established by an Attorney General law enforcement directive, which sets forth the notification procedures followed by New Jersey law enforcement agencies.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint] ASSEMBLY, No. 2948

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2013

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 2948 (1R).

Assembly Bill No. 2948 (1R) sets forth the guidelines to be followed by a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who acquires knowledge that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State. Under the provisions of the bill, a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who learns of an out-of-State law enforcement agency conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State is required to notify the county prosecutor.

In addition, the bill requires that out-of-State law enforcement entities inform the county prosecutor 24 hours prior to entering the borders of the county in which the out-of-State entity intends to conduct counter-terrorism activities.

Within the 24 hour period established under the bill, the county prosecutor is required to report the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activity to the counter-terrorism watch within the Division of State Police. Upon receiving this information, the counter-terrorism watch is to notify the Superintendent of State Police, the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the designated staff of the Joint Terrorism Task Force within the Division of State Police.

Upon finding that an out-of-State law enforcement agency has not complied with the notification requirements under the bill, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court. The bill allows the court to enter an order to prevent the out-of-State law enforcement entity from conducting counter-terrorism activity or to require compliance with the provisions of the bill.

This bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 2311, which was amended and reported by the committee on the same date.

SENATE, No. 2311

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

215th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED NOVEMBER 19, 2012

Sponsored by: Senator SANDRA B. CUNNINGHAM District 31 (Hudson) Senator BRIAN P. STACK District 33 (Hudson)

SYNOPSIS

Sets forth certain reporting requirements when out-of-State law enforcement entities conduct counter-terrorism investigations within New Jersey.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



1 AN ACT concerning counter-terrorism investigations by out-of-State 2 law enforcement entities and supplementing Title 2A of the New 3 Jersey Statutes.

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

1. a. For the purposes of this act:

"Member of a New Jersey law enforcement agency" means any sworn or civilian employee of a law enforcement agency operating under the authority of the laws of the State of New Jersey;

"Out-of-State law enforcement agency" means any law enforcement agency or officer operating under the authority of the laws of another State; "Out-of-State law enforcement agency" shall not include a federal law enforcement agency, or task force operating under the auspices of a federal law enforcement agency;

"Law enforcement activity" means investigations, operations and intelligence gathering activity conducted by a law enforcement agency or officer; "law enforcement activity" shall not encompass non-investigatory conduct, including but not limited to participation in training classes or exercises, execution of child-support warrants, or transportation of incarcerated persons to and from this State;

"Counter-terrorism activity" means any activity undertaken by a law enforcement agency to investigate, detect, deter, or prevent the crime of terrorism as defined under the "September 11th, 2001 Anti-Terrorism Act," P.L. 2002, c.26 (C.2C:38-1 et seq.), or any other offense defined under chapter 38 of Title 2C of the Revised Statutes, or for an offense of a substantially similar nature committed in another jurisdiction, without regard to whether such crime is committed or intended to be committed in this State; and

"Counter-terrorism watch" means a counter terrorism entity within the New Jersey State Police Regional Operations Intelligence Center.

- b. Any local, municipal, or county law enforcement agency or officer shall promptly notify the county prosecutor, or the county prosecutor's designee, when a law enforcement officer learns of, or acquires knowledge of, an out-of-State law enforcement agency that intends to enter, or has entered, the borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting law enforcement activities in this State. Notification required pursuant to this act shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the date and time that the out-of-State agency's activity is discovered;
- (2) the nature, purpose, and scope of the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activities in this State;
- 46 (3) the out-of-State law enforcement agencies name and contact 47 information; and

(4) the name and contact information of the law enforcement agency operating in the State of New Jersey.

The notification shall be given as soon as practicable, but in no event shall notification be provided later than 24 hours after learning of, or acquiring information concerning, the out-of-State agency's law enforcement activity in this State.

- c. All county prosecutors shall promptly notify the counterterrorism watch within the New Jersey State Police when a law enforcement officer learns of, or acquires knowledge of, an out-of-State law enforcement agency that intends to enter, or has entered, the borders which are under the jurisdiction of this State for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State. Notifications shall be provided in a manner and within the time limitations set forth under subsection b. of this section.
- d. Upon receiving information that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State, the counter-terrorism watch shall notify the Superintendent of State Police, or the Superintendent's designee, and the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. The counter-terrorism watch shall communicate such information provided by the county prosecutor to the designated staff of the joint terrorism task force within the New Jersey State Police.
- e. The Attorney General may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

- 2. a. Any out-of-State law enforcement agency as defined under section 1 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) that intends to enter the borders which are under the jurisdiction of this State for the purpose of conducting counterterrorism activities in this State shall, no later than 24 hours prior to entering New Jersey State borders, inform the county prosecutor, or the county prosecutor's designee of the county in which the counter-terrorism activity is to take place. Notification required pursuant to this act shall include, but not be limited to:
- (1) the date and time that the out-of-State agency intends to conduct the counter-terrorism activity;
- (2) the nature, purpose, and scope of the counter-terrorism activity that the out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to undertake in this State; and
- (3) the out-of-State law enforcement agency's name and contact information

Such notification shall be given as soon as practicable, but in no event shall notification be provided later than 24 hours prior to the counter-terrorism activities being carried out in this State.

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- b. All county prosecutors shall promptly notify the counterterrorism watch within the New Jersey State Police upon receiving notification from an out-of-State law enforcement agency provided under subsection a. of this section.
- c. Upon receiving information that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter the borders which are under the jurisdiction of the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting counter-terrorism activities in this State, the counter-terrorism watch shall notify the Superintendent of the New Jersey State Police, or the Superintendent's designee, and the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness. The counter-terrorism watch shall communicate such information provided by the county prosecutor to the designated staff of Joint Terrorism Task Force within the New Jersey State Police.
- d. The Attorney General may promulgate rules and regulations, pursuant to the "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), necessary to effectuate the purposes of this act.

3. Whenever, on the basis of available information, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor, or his designee finds that an out-of-State law enforcement agency as defined under section 1 of P.L.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) has (C. violated the provisions of this act, by failing to adhere to the notification requirements pursuant to section 2 of P.L.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill) or any rule or regulation adopted pursuant to this act, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor, or his designee, may seek and obtain in a summary proceeding in the Superior Court a temporary or permanent injunction prohibiting that out-of-State law enforcement agency from conducting counter-terrorism activity within the borders of this State. In such a proceeding, the court may enter such orders as is necessary to prevent the performance of counterterrorism activity in violation of the reporting requirement under this act, or may require compliance with the reporting requirements provided under the provisions of this act.

4. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

This bill sets forth the guidelines to be followed by a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who acquires knowledge that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting law enforcement activities in this State. Under the provisions of the bill, a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who learns of

an out-of-State law enforcement agency conducting law enforcement activities in this State is required to notify the county prosecutor.

In addition, the bill requires that out-of-State law enforcement entities inform the county prosecutor 24 hours prior to entering the borders of the county in which the out-of-State entity intends to conduct counter-terrorism activities.

Within the 24 hour period established under the bill, the county prosecutor is required to report the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activity to the counter-terrorism watch within the Division of State Police. Upon receiving this information, the counter-terrorism watch is required to notify the Superintendent of State Police, the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the designated staff of the Joint Terrorism Task Force within the Division of State Police.

Upon finding that an out-of-State law enforcement agency has not complied with the notification requirements under the bill, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court. The bill allows the court to enter an order to prevent the out-of-State law enforcement entity from conducting counter-terrorism activity or to require compliance with the provisions of the bill.

SENATE LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2311

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 17, 2013

The Senate Law and Public Safety Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 2311.

As amended, this bill sets forth the guidelines to be followed by a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who acquires knowledge that an out-of-State law enforcement agency intends to enter, or has entered, the State of New Jersey for the purpose of conducting law enforcement activities in this State. Under the provisions of the amended bill, a New Jersey law enforcement agency or officer who learns of an out-of-State law enforcement agency conducting law enforcement activities in this State is required to notify the county prosecutor.

In addition, the amended bill requires that out-of-State law enforcement entities inform the county prosecutor 24 hours prior to entering the borders of the county in which the out-of-State entity intends to conduct counter-terrorism activities.

Within the 24-hour period established under the amended bill, the county prosecutor is required to report the out-of-State law enforcement agency's activity to the counter-terrorism watch within the Division of State Police. Upon receiving this information, the counter-terrorism watch is required to notify the Superintendent of State Police, the Director of the New Jersey Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness, and the designated staff of the Joint Terrorism Task Force within the Division of State Police.

Upon finding that an out-of-State law enforcement agency has not complied with the notification requirements under the amended bill, the Attorney General or a county prosecutor may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court. The amended bill allows the court to enter an order to prevent the out-of-State law enforcement entity from conducting counter-terrorism activity or to require compliance with the provisions of the bill.

The committee amended the bill to make technical corrections.

As amended, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 2948 (1R), which also was reported by the committee on the same date.

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Governor Christie Signs Bipartisan Bill To Keep Our Country Safe From Terrorism While Protecting Civil Liberties

Monday, September 09, 2013

Tags: Bill Action

Trenton, NJ – Acting on his belief that we can keep our country safe from terrorism while also protecting civil liberties, Governor Chris Christie signed bipartisan legislation requiring out-of-state law enforcement to report surveillance activities in New Jersey.

The bill, which passed both the Assembly last October and the Senate in June by wide margins, was first proposed as a response to the New York Police Department's (NYPD) surveillance of Muslims in New Jersey. Specifically, the legislation "requires that out-of-State law enforcement entities inform the county prosecutor 24 hours prior to entering the borders of the county in which the out-of-State entity intends to conduct counter-terrorism activities." Under the law, if this notification requirement is not met, "the Attorney General or a county prosecutor may seek a temporary or permanent injunction in a summary proceeding in Superior Court."

"As a former U.S. Attorney appointed in the aftermath of September 11, 2001, I strongly believe we need to do everything in our power to prevent terrorist attacks on our country and keep our people safe," said Governor Christie today. "I also believe we must protect and maintain civil liberties, especially those of the citizens in New Jersey's Muslim community. This bipartisan legislation will help us reach that balance, and I am pleased to sign it into law today."

By signing this bill, the Governor is building on the principles and convictions he has acted on during his entire time in public office. As the United States Attorney in New Jersey from 2002-2008, Governor Christie built an aggressive record of combating terrorism. He prosecuted several of the first major anti-terrorism cases after September 11, including the Daniel Pearl case, the Hernant Lakhani case, the Fort Dix plot and operation Arabian Knight. At the same time, Governor Christie worked to improve relations between law enforcement and the Muslim community, a commitment he has kept during his term in the governor's office.

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