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Senate, No. 557

1 **AN ACT** concerning suicide prevention at institutions of higher  
2 education and supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New  
3 Jersey Statutes.

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

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Madison  
9 Holleran Suicide Prevention Act.”

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11 2. a. An institution of higher education shall have individuals  
12 with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on  
13 reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on  
14 campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24  
15 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals shall also work  
16 with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and  
17 risk factors associated with student suicide.

18 b. No later than 15 days following the beginning of each  
19 semester, an institution of higher education shall transmit to each  
20 student via electronic mail the contact information of the  
21 individuals required pursuant to subsection a. of this section.

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23 3. This act shall take effect on the 90th day after the date of  
24 enactment.

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29 “Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act”; requires institutions  
30 of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing  
31 student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.

# SENATE, No. 557

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 217th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

**Senator KEVIN J. O'TOOLE**

**District 40 (Bergen, Essex, Morris and Passaic)**

**SYNOPSIS**

“Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act”; requires institutions of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 557**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 2, 2016

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 557.

This bill is entitled the “Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act.” The bill requires an institution of higher education to have individuals with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals will also work with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and risk factors associated with student suicide.

Under the bill, no later than 15 days following the beginning of each semester, an institution must transmit to each student via electronic mail the contact information of the individuals.

Madison Holleran, a track star at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, New Jersey, committed suicide in January of 2014 while enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Assembly Bill No. 1613, which was amended and reported by the committee on this same date.

SENATE HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

**SENATE, No. 557**

**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: MARCH 3, 2016

The Senate Higher Education Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 557.

This bill is entitled the “Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act.” The bill requires an institution of higher education to have individuals with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals will also work with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and risk factors associated with student suicide.

Under the bill, no later than 15 days following the beginning of each semester, an institution must transmit to each student via electronic mail the contact information of the individuals.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

**ASSEMBLY, No. 1613**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**217th LEGISLATURE**

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PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2016 SESSION

**Sponsored by:**

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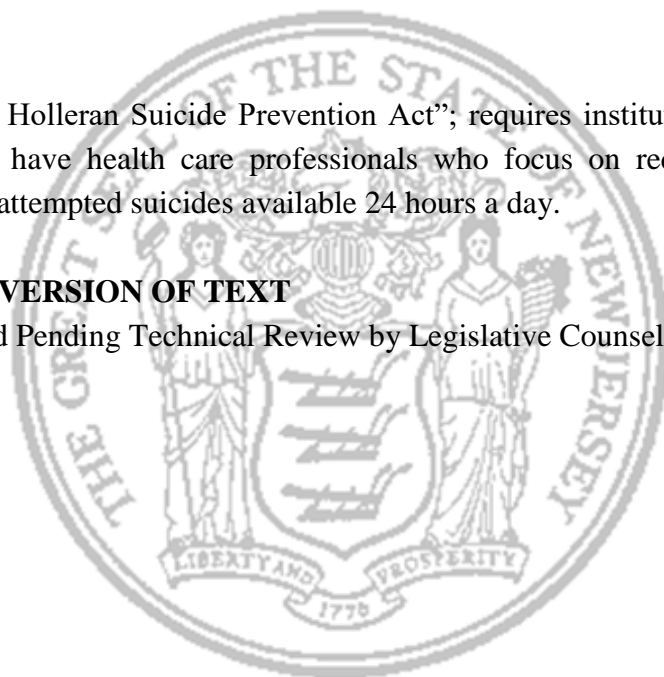
**Assemblywoman Pinkin**

**SYNOPSIS**

“Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act”; requires institutions of higher education to have health care professionals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/3/2016)**



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14 suicides available on campus for students 24 hours a day, seven  
15 days a week. The licensed health care professionals shall also work  
16 with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and  
17 risk factors associated with student suicide.

18 b. No later than 15 days following the beginning of each  
19 semester, an institution of higher education shall transmit to each  
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22 subsection a. of this section.

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43 health care professionals.

44 According to the “2013 Youth Suicide Report” issued by the  
45 New Jersey Department of Children and Families, suicide is the  
46 third-leading cause of death for New Jersey youth ages 10-24. The  
47 most recent data for 2010-2012 shows that of the 233 youth suicides  
48 in New Jersey, 72% were committed by young adults ages 19-24.

# ASSEMBLY HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

## STATEMENT TO

### **ASSEMBLY, No. 1613**

with committee amendments

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

DATED: JUNE 2, 2016

The Assembly Higher Education Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 1613 with committee amendments.

This bill is entitled the “Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act.” As amended, the bill requires an institution of higher education to have individuals with training and experience in mental health issues who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available on campus or remotely by telephone or other means for students 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The individuals will also work with faculty and staff on ways to recognize the warning signs and risk factors associated with student suicide.

Under the bill, no later than 15 days following the beginning of each semester, an institution must transmit to each student via electronic mail the contact information of the individuals.

Madison Holleran, a track star at Northern Highlands Regional High School in Allendale, New Jersey, committed suicide in January of 2014 while enrolled at the University of Pennsylvania.

The committee amended the bill to eliminate the requirement that an institution must have a licensed health care professional perform the services required under the bill. The committee also amended the bill to provide that the individuals providing the services could be available either on campus or remotely by telephone or other means.

As reported by the committee, this bill is identical to Senate Bill No. 557, which also was reported by the committee on this same date.

This bill was pre-filed for introduction in the 2016-2017 session pending technical review. As reported, the bill includes the changes required by technical review, which has been performed.

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**Trenton, NJ** – Governor Chris Christie announced action that has been taken on the following legislation:

### BILLS SIGNED:

**S-557/A-1613 (O'Toole, Ruiz/Rumana, Lagana, Russo, Gibling, Danielsen, Mukherji, Sumter, McKnight)** – "Madison Holleran Suicide Prevention Act"; requires institutions of higher education to have individuals who focus on reducing student suicides and attempted suicides available 24 hours a day

**S-855/A-2088 (Stack, Beach/Mukherji, Tucker, Zwicker, Lampitt, McKnight, Downey)** – Requires Commissioner of DCA to promulgate rules and regulations providing for veterans' affordable housing assistance preference

**S-1164/A-1835 (Madden/Conaway, Pinkin, Mukherji, Vainieri Huttle)** – Exempts intraoperative monitoring services rendered during certain neurosurgical, neurological, and neuro-radiological surgical procedures from physician self-referral restrictions

**S-1992/A-2518 (Beach, Allen/DeAngelo, Tucker, Andrzejczak, Conaway, Land)** – Facilitates coordination of land use planning between civilian and military interests to preserve viability of federal military installations within State

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