

# ASSEMBLY, No. 863

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires AG to report bias intimidation offenses to Federal Bureau of Investigation for inclusion in annual report on hate crime statistics.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/27/2020)**

1 AN ACT concerning bias intimidation offenses and amending  
2 P.L.1966, c.37.

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

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7 1. Section 5 of P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-5.5) is amended to  
8 read as follows:

9 5. a. The Attorney General shall render an annual report of the  
10 results of the information gathered and collated to the Governor and  
11 the Legislature.

12 b. The Attorney General shall submit to the Federal Bureau of  
13 Investigation for inclusion in the Federal Bureau of Investigation's  
14 annual report on hate crime statistics the portion of the State's  
15 annual report containing information relating to any offense  
16 directed against a person or group, or their property, by reason of  
17 their race, color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation,  
18 gender identity or expression, national origin, or ethnicity gathered  
19 pursuant to section 3 of P.L.1966, c.37 (C.52:17B-5.3).

20 (cf: P.L.1966, c.37, s.5)

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22 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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27 This bill requires the Attorney General to report bias  
28 intimidation offenses to the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)  
29 for inclusion in the FBI's annual report on hate crime statistics.

30 Under current law, municipal and county law enforcement  
31 agencies are required to include information regarding bias crimes  
32 in their quarterly reports of crime submitted to the Attorney  
33 General. The Attorney General is to issue an annual report  
34 containing the results.

35 Under the provisions of this bill, the Attorney General is  
36 required to submit to the FBI for inclusion in the FBI's annual  
37 report on hate crime statistics the portion of the State's annual  
38 report containing information relating to any offense directed  
39 against a person or group, or their property, by reason of their race,  
40 color, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, gender identity  
41 or expression, national origin, or ethnicity which is gathered under  
42 current law.

**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 thus is new matter.