

LAWS OF NEW YORK, 1999  
CHAPTER 22

AN ACT to amend the education law, in relation to requiring colleges and universities to implement plans for the investigation of violent felonies and reports of missing students occurring on their campuses, and to amend the executive law, in relation to directing the division of criminal justice services to operate a toll-free telephone line for the recovery of missing persons.

Became a law April 6, 1999, with the approval of the Governor. Passed by a majority vote, three-fifths being present.

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

Section 1. Section 355 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 17 to read as follows:

17. Plans for investigation of violent felony offenses.

a. The board of trustees of the state university of New York shall adopt rules requiring that each institution of the state university, on or before January first, two thousand, adopt and implement a plan providing for the investigation of any violent felony offense occurring at or on the grounds of each such institution, and providing for the investigation of a report of any missing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordination of the investigation of such crimes and reports with local law enforcement agencies. Such plans shall include, but not be limited to, written agreements with appropriate local law enforcement agencies providing for the prompt investigation of such crimes and reports.

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Local law enforcement agencies" means any agency or agencies employing peace officers or police officers for the enforcement of the laws of the state, and which has or have jurisdiction under provisions of the criminal procedure law over offenses occurring at or on the grounds of any institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

(ii) "Missing student" means any student of an institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision, who resides in a facility owned or operated by such institution and who is reported to such institution as missing from his or her residence.

(iii) "Violent felony offense" means a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law.

§ 2. Section 6206 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 15 to read as follows:

15. a. The board of trustees shall adopt rules requiring that each institution of the city university, on or before January first, two thousand, adopt and implement a plan providing for the investigation of any violent felony offense occurring at or on the grounds of each such institution, and providing for the investigation of a report of any missing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordination of the investigation of such crimes and reports with local law enforcement agencies. Such plans shall include, but not be limited to, written agreements with appropriate local law enforcement agencies providing for the prompt investigation of such crimes and reports.

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Local law enforcement agencies" means any agency or agencies employing peace officers or police officers for the enforcement of the laws of the state, and which has or have jurisdiction under provisions of the criminal procedure law over offenses occurring at or on the grounds of any institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

(ii) "Missing student" means any student of an institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision, who resides in a facility owned or operated by such institution and who is reported to such institution as missing from his or her residence.

(iii) "Violent felony offense" means a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law.

§ 3. Section 6306 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 8-a to read as follows:

8-a. a. The board of trustees shall, on or before January first, two thousand, adopt and implement a plan providing for the investigation of any violent felony offense occurring at or on the grounds of each such institution, and providing for the investigation of a report of any missing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordination of the investigation of such crimes and reports with local law enforcement agencies. Such plans shall include, but not be limited to, written agreements with appropriate local law enforcement agencies providing for the prompt investigation of such crimes and reports.

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Local law enforcement agencies" means any agency or agencies employing peace officers or police officers for the enforcement of the laws of the state, and which has or have jurisdiction under provisions of the criminal procedure law over offenses occurring at or on the grounds of any institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

(ii) "Missing student" means any student of an institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision, who resides in a facility owned or operated by such institution and who is reported to such institution as missing from his or her residence.

(iii) "Violent felony offense" means a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law.

§ 4. Subdivision 9 of section 6306 of the education law, as added by chapter 552 of the laws of 1984, is amended to read as follows:

9. In the case of colleges sponsored by community college regions, references in subdivisions two, four, five [and], six and eight-a of this section to the board of trustees of a community college shall mean the community college regional board of trustees.

§ 5. Section 6450 of the education law is amended by adding a new subdivision 6 to read as follows:

6. a. The trustees or other governing board of every college chartered by the regents or incorporated by special act of the legislature shall, on or before January first, two thousand, adopt and implement a plan providing for the investigation of any violent felony offense occurring at or on the grounds of each such institution, and providing for the investigation of a report of any missing student. Such plans shall provide for the coordination of the investigation of such crimes and reports with local law enforcement agencies. Such plans shall include, but not be limited to, written agreements with appropriate local law enforcement agencies providing for the prompt investigation of such crimes and reports.

b. As used in this subdivision, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

(i) "Local law enforcement agencies" means any agency or agencies employing peace officers or police officers for the enforcement of the laws of the state, and which has or have jurisdiction under provisions of the criminal procedure law over offenses occurring at or on the grounds of any institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision.

(ii) "Missing student" means any student of an institution subject to the provisions of this subdivision, who resides in a facility owned or operated by such institution and who is reported to such institution as missing from his or her residence.

(iii) "Violent felony offense" means a violent felony offense as defined in subdivision one of section 70.02 of the penal law.

§ 6. Section 837 of the executive law is amended by adding a new subdivision 16 to read as follows:

16. Operate a toll-free twenty-four hour telephone number that members of the public may call to obtain information as to resources available to the public to assist in the location and recovery of missing persons. Such toll-free telephone line may be operated by the division as part of the toll-free telephone line established pursuant to section eight hundred thirty-seven-f of this article. Furthermore, all such information relating to the locating and recovery of missing persons may be included on the division homepage established pursuant to section eight hundred forty-three of this article.

§ 7. This act shall take effect immediately, except that section six of this act shall take effect January 1, 2000 and the division of criminal justice services is immediately authorized and directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement the provisions of such section on its effective date.

The Legislature of the STATE OF NEW YORK ss:

Pursuant to the authority vested in us by section 70-b of the Public Officers Law, we hereby jointly certify that this slip copy of this session law was printed under our direction and, in accordance with such section, is entitled to be read into evidence.

JOSEPH L. BRUNO  
Temporary President of the Senate

SHELDON SILVER  
Speaker of the Assembly