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STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJT to establish pilot program to supply certain light rail train sets with opioid antidotes; makes appropriation of \$100,000.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee with technical review.



1 AN ACT establishing a pilot program to supply certain light rail
2 train sets with opioid antidotes and making an appropriation.

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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. As used in this act:

8 “Authorized employee” means an authorized employee, as
9 defined in section 1 of P.L.1997, c.357 (C.27:25-5.6).

10 “Opioid antidote” means any drug, regardless of dosage amount
11 or method of administration, which has been approved by the
12 United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for the
13 treatment of an opioid overdose. “Opioid antidote” includes, but is
14 not limited to, naloxone hydrochloride, in any dosage amount,
15 which is administered through nasal spray or any other FDA-
16 approved means or methods.

17 “Opioid overdose” means an acute condition that a layperson
18 would reasonably believe to require medical assistance, which
19 condition includes, but is not limited to, extreme physical illness,
20 decreased level of consciousness, respiratory depression, coma, or
21 death resulting from the consumption or use of an opioid drug or
22 another substance with which an opioid drug was combined.

23 “Train set” means a locomotive and any accompanying light
24 railcar, passenger car, or other car in the train or a string of
25 connected light rail cars.

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27 2. a. The New Jersey Transit Corporation, in consultation with
28 the Deputy Commissioner for Public Health Services, shall establish a
29 two-year pilot program to provide an opioid antidote on every light rail
30 train set that operates in the southern part of the State for the purpose
31 of responding to an opioid overdose.

32 b. Under the pilot program, the corporation shall:

33 (1) obtain a supply of an opioid antidote and distribute the supply
34 in quantities and types deemed adequate by the corporation, in
35 consultation with the Department of Health, to every light rail train set;

36 (2) maintain one or more secure and easily accessible locations on
37 each light rail train set for storage of an opioid antidote which, when
38 the storage is opened, shall send a silent alert to the train operator to
39 notify the train operator of a potential opioid overdose;

40 (3) stock each location described in paragraph (2) of this
41 subsection with at least two doses of an opioid antidote;

42 (4) ensure that the opioid antidote is appropriately maintained and
43 made available at all times while the light rail train set is in operation
44 and used for light rail service; and

45 (5) mark the location of each supply of the opioid antidote with a
46 prominent sign, in both English and Spanish, and include an
47 informational card on how to recognize an opioid overdose, how to

1 administer the opioid antidote in response to an opioid overdose, and
2 how to contact emergency assistance.

3 c. Upon receiving notice of a potential opioid overdose by the
4 silent alert mechanism described in paragraph (2) of subsection b. of
5 this section, the train operator shall contact emergency services at the
6 nearest light rail station.

7 d. The corporation shall require authorized employees,
8 contractors, and any other staff members on a light rail train set to:

9 (1) perform routine checks on the opioid antidote locations;

10 (2) maintain a record of the supply of the opioid antidote on each
11 light rail train set, the maintenance of each location, and any
12 emergency uses of the opioid antidote; and

13 (3) conduct maintenance, as needed.

14 e. Under the pilot program, the corporation shall not require an
15 authorized employee, contractor, or any other staff member on a light
16 rail train set to administer an opioid antidote in the event of an opioid
17 overdose or receive specialized training on how to administer an
18 opioid antidote.

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20 3. Within six months after the expiration of the two-year pilot
21 program, the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall prepare a written
22 report of the effectiveness of the pilot program and recommendations
23 on whether to implement a permanent program Statewide, which
24 report shall be submitted to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of
25 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature.

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27 4. There is appropriated \$100,000 from the General Fund to the
28 New Jersey Transit Corporation to defray any costs incurred by the
29 corporation to implement this act.

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31 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the sixth month
32 after enactment and shall expire upon submission of the report
33 required to be prepared and submitted pursuant to section 3 of this
34 act.