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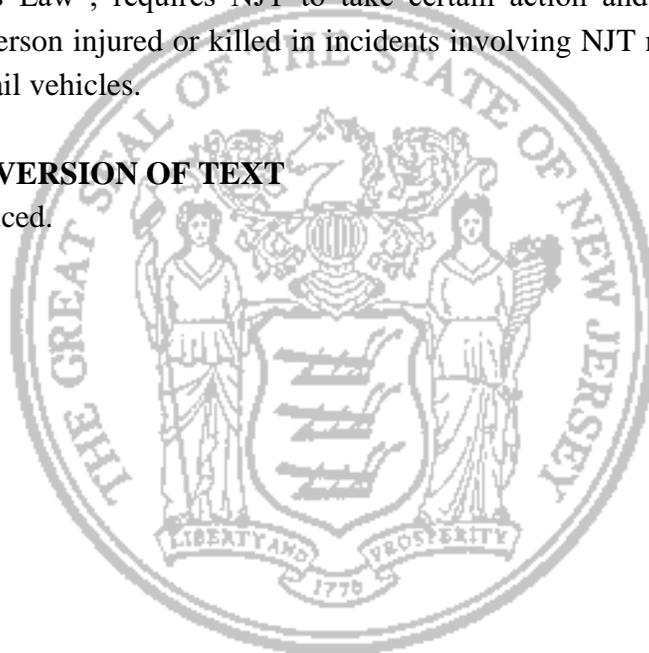
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**SYNOPSIS**

“Tommy’s Law”; requires NJT to take certain action and adopt policies concerning person injured or killed in incidents involving NJT motorbuses and rail or light rail vehicles.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 6/26/2018)**

1 AN ACT concerning certain services provided by the New Jersey  
2 Transit Corporation, designated as “Tommy’s Law,” and  
3 supplementing P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et al.).  
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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. a. The corporation shall designate an employee within the  
9 New Jersey Transit Police Department to serve as a liaison between  
10 the corporation and the New Jersey Transit Police Department and a  
11 person injured, or any member of the person’s immediate family if  
12 the person was killed, as a result of an incident involving a  
13 motorbus or rail or light rail vehicle operated by or under contract  
14 with the corporation. The designated employee shall:

15 (1) provide in an appropriate and sensitive manner any  
16 information, to the extent permitted by law, to the person injured or,  
17 for a person killed, a member of the person’s immediate family, and  
18 promptly respond to any reasonable inquiry by the person injured  
19 or, for a person killed, a member of the person’s immediate family;  
20 and

21 (2) upon the conclusion of an investigation related to a person  
22 injured or killed, return in an appropriate and sensitive manner all  
23 personal belongings in the possession of the corporation to the  
24 person injured or, for a person killed, a member of the person’s  
25 immediate family.

26 b. As used in P.L. , c. (C. ) (pending before the  
27 Legislature as this bill), “member of the person’s immediate  
28 family” means a spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent,  
29 grandchild, aunt, uncle, or next of kin.  
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31 2. a. Within 12 months of the effective date of P.L. ,  
32 c. (C. ) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the  
33 corporation shall study methods and adopt policies to improve the  
34 corporation’s interactions with, and the return of personal  
35 belongings to, a person injured or a member of the person’s  
36 immediate family if the person was killed as a result of an incident  
37 involving a motorbus or rail or light rail vehicle operated by or  
38 under contract with the corporation. The study shall include an  
39 analysis of methods to expedite the process and ease the burden of  
40 any person seeking the return of any personal belongings of the  
41 person injured or deceased.  
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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately.  
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45 STATEMENT  
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47 This bill is to be known as “Tommy’s Law” in memory of  
48 Thomas Ryan, who tragically died when he was struck by a train

1 traveling approximately 70 miles per hour at the Main Street Station  
2 in Ramsey, Bergen County.

3 The bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJ  
4 Transit) to designate an employee within the New Jersey Transit  
5 Police Department to serve as a liaison between NJ Transit and the  
6 New Jersey Transit Police Department, and a person injured or a  
7 member of a person's immediate family if the person was killed as a  
8 result of an incident involving a motorbus or rail or light rail  
9 vehicle operated by or under contract with NJ Transit.

10 The designated employee is to: 1) provide in an appropriate and  
11 sensitive manner any information, to the extent permitted by law, to  
12 the person injured or an immediate family member of a person  
13 killed and promptly respond to any reasonable inquiry by the person  
14 injured or an immediate family member of a person killed; and 2)  
15 upon the conclusion of an investigation related to a person injured  
16 or killed, return in an appropriate and sensitive manner all personal  
17 belongings in NJ Transit's possession to the person injured or an  
18 immediate family member of a person killed.

19 The bill also requires NJ Transit to, within 12 months of the  
20 bill's effective date, study methods and adopt policies to improve  
21 NJ Transit's interactions with, and the return of personal belongings  
22 to, a person injured or a member of a person's immediate family if  
23 the person was killed as a result of an incident involving a motorbus  
24 or rail or light rail vehicle operated by or under contract with NJ  
25 Transit. The study is to include an analysis of the methods to  
26 expedite the process and ease the burden of any person seeking the  
27 return of any personal belongings of the person injured or deceased.