

ASSEMBLY, No. 196

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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 **AN ACT** requiring the New Jersey Transit Corporation to conduct a
2 feasibility study for certain transit services.

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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. a. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall conduct a study
8 on the feasibility of providing rail service on the Raritan Valley
9 Line that offers full-time direct rail service to New York City.

10 b. Within six months of the effective date of this act, the
11 corporation shall prepare and submit a written report to the
12 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
13 19.1), to the Legislature detailing the findings of the study. The
14 report shall include findings concerning why direct service was
15 initially suspended, historical and expected ridership for the direct
16 rail service to New York City, actions that the corporation is
17 required to take in order to provide full-time direct service to New
18 York City, the amount of time those actions are expected to take,
19 the cost to provide the service, and any factors that may delay or
20 increase the cost of providing the service.

21 c. For the purposes of this section, “full-time direct rail service”
22 means rail service that provides a one-seat ride to and from its
23 termini and that operates on weekdays and weekends, during peak
24 hours and non-peak hours.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation
32 (NJ Transit) to conduct a feasibility study on providing rail service
33 on the Raritan Valley Line that offers full-time direct rail service to
34 New York City. NJ Transit is required to prepare and submit a
35 report detailing the findings of the study within six months of
36 enactment.

37 The report is required to include findings concerning why service
38 was initially suspended, historical and expected ridership for the
39 direct rail service to New York City, actions that the corporation is
40 required to take in order to provide the service, the amount of time
41 those actions are expected to take, the cost to provide the service,
42 and any factors that may delay or increase the cost of providing the
43 service.