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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS and other appropriate State agencies to disseminate information on transportation options for persons with developmental disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning transportation options for persons with
2 developmental disabilities and supplementing Title 30 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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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 Department of Human Services and any other State
9 agency that provides services to or otherwise interacts with
10 individuals with developmental disabilities shall:

11 (1) provide persons with developmental disabilities and their
12 families with pamphlets or other written materials describing the
13 various transportation options, including, but not limited to, the
14 Access Link paratransit system operated by the New Jersey Transit
15 Corporation, that are available to help such persons travel in the
16 State; and

17 (2) post, on their departmental websites, the informational
18 materials described in paragraph (1) of this subsection, as well as
19 hyperlinks to relevant transportation provider websites.

20 b. The Assistant Commissioner of the Division of
21 Developmental Disabilities in the Department of Human Services
22 shall develop and distribute, to all appropriate State agencies, the
23 written materials required by this section. Written materials
24 produced under this subsection shall utilize language and imagery
25 that can be easily understood by persons with developmental
26 disabilities and shall identify:

27 (1) for each available mode of transport: (a) the phone number
28 or website address that can be used by consumers to reserve a ride
29 or review applicable transportation schedules; (b) the eligibility
30 requirements, if any, that must be satisfied to utilize the mode of
31 transport; and (c) whether family members or caregivers may
32 accompany a person with a developmental disability on the mode of
33 transport; and

34 (2) any other information that may help persons with
35 developmental disabilities and their families understand and
36 navigate the State's available transportation systems.

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38 2. This act shall take effect on the first day of the fourth month
39 next following the date of enactment, except that the Commissioner
40 of Human Services and the Assistant Commissioner of the Division
41 of Developmental Disabilities may take anticipatory administrative
42 action in advance of the effective date as may be necessary to
43 implement the provisions of this act.

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46 STATEMENT

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48 This bill would require the Department of Human Services and

1 any other State agency that provides services to or otherwise
2 interacts with individuals with developmental disabilities to: 1)
3 provide persons with developmental disabilities and their families
4 with pamphlets or other written materials describing the various
5 transportation options, including, but not limited to, the Access
6 Link paratransit system operated by the New Jersey Transit
7 Corporation, that are available to help such persons travel in the
8 State; and 2) post those informational materials on their
9 departmental websites, along with hyperlinks to relevant
10 transportation provider websites.

11 The Assistant Commissioner of the Division of Developmental
12 Disabilities in the Department of Human Services will be required
13 to develop and distribute, to all appropriate State agencies, the
14 written materials required by the bill. The written materials are to
15 utilize language and imagery that can be easily understood by
16 persons with developmental disabilities and are to identify: 1) for
17 each mode of transport, the phone number or website address that
18 can be used by consumers to reserve a ride or review applicable
19 transportation schedules; the eligibility requirements, if any, that
20 must be satisfied in order to use the particular mode of transport;
21 and whether family members or caregivers may accompany a
22 person with a developmental disability when using the mode of
23 transport; and 2) any other information that may help persons with
24 developmental disabilities and their families understand and
25 navigate the State's available transportation systems.