

# ASSEMBLY, No. 3821

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.”

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3 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
4 *of New Jersey:*

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6 1. There is established the “New Jersey Transit ADA Task  
7 Force.”

8 a. The task force shall consist of the following nine members:

9 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, ex officio, or the  
10 commissioner’s designee;

11 (2) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit  
12 Corporation, ex officio, or the executive director’s designee;

13 (3) three public members appointed by the Governor, including  
14 one member who shall be a representative from an organization  
15 whose members advocate for persons with disabilities;

16 (4) two public members appointed by the President of the  
17 Senate; and

18 (5) two public members appointed by the Speaker of the General  
19 Assembly.

20 b. The members of the task force shall serve without  
21 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary and actual  
22 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent  
23 that funds are made available for that purpose.

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25 2. a. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable  
26 following the appointment of a majority of its members, but no later  
27 than 60 days after the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the  
28 membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as  
29 the original appointments were made. The task force shall select a  
30 chairperson from among its members and may appoint a secretary  
31 who need not be a member of the task force. The task force shall  
32 meet at the call of the chairperson.

33 b. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall provide  
34 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistance and  
35 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.  
36 The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail  
37 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or  
38 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it  
39 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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41 3. a. The task force shall study all terminals, stations, stops,  
42 and equipment owned or operated by the New Jersey Transit  
43 Corporation and all terminals, stations, stops, and equipment owned  
44 or operated by an entity under contract with the corporation for  
45 compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities  
46 Act. The task force shall:

47 (1) study and compile a list of all upgrades that need to be  
48 completed in order to ensure that the terminals, stations, stops, and

1 equipment owned or operated by the corporation or an entity under  
2 contract with the corporation are in full compliance with the  
3 Americans with Disabilities Act;

4 (2) study and determine the cost to complete each upgrade  
5 identified in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section; and

6 (3) study and determine whether ramps may be installed at  
7 terminals, stations, and stops where elevators are not available or  
8 where elevators are not in compliance with the provisions of the  
9 Americans with Disabilities Act.

10 For purposes of this section, “Americans with Disabilities Act”  
11 means the “Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990” (42 U.S.C.  
12 s.12101 et seq.), any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and  
13 any regulations and standards adopted thereunder.

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15 4. The task force shall prepare and submit a report of its  
16 findings and recommendations that comply with the provisions of  
17 section 3 of this act to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of  
18 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no later than two  
19 years after the effective date of this act. The task force shall expire  
20 upon submission of this report.

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22 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
23 submission of the report required by section 4 of this act.

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#### STATEMENT

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28 This bill establishes a nine member “New Jersey Transit ADA  
29 Task Force” (task force) to study all terminals, stations, stops, and  
30 equipment owned or operated by the New Jersey Transit  
31 Corporation (NJ Transit) and all terminals, stations, stops, and  
32 equipment owned or operated by an entity under contract with NJ  
33 Transit for compliance with the federal requirements under the  
34 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

35 Under the bill, the task force is required to study and compile a  
36 list of all upgrades that need to be completed in order to ensure that  
37 the terminals, stations, stops, and equipment owned or operated by  
38 NJ Transit or an entity under contract with NJ Transit are in full  
39 compliance with the ADA. The task force is also required to study  
40 and determine the cost to complete each upgrade and study and  
41 determine whether ramps may be installed at certain terminals,  
42 stations, and stops.

43 The task force is to prepare and submit a report of its findings  
44 and recommendations no later than two years after the bill’s  
45 effective date. The task force expires upon submission of the  
46 report.