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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on December 10, 2020, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/10/2020)

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 ¹, including but not limited to corporation
36 engineers and architects,¹ as the task force requires to carry out its
37 work. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
38 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
39 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
40 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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42 3. a. The task force shall study all terminals, stations, stops,
43 and equipment owned or operated by the New Jersey Transit
44 Corporation and all terminals, stations, stops, and equipment owned

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted December 10, 2020.

1 or operated by an entity under contract with the corporation for
2 compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities
3 Act. The task force shall:

4 (1) study and compile a list of all upgrades that need to be
5 completed in order to ensure that the terminals, stations, stops, and
6 equipment owned or operated by the corporation or an entity under
7 contract with the corporation are in full compliance with the
8 Americans with Disabilities Act;

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

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

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

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

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