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SYNOPSIS

Authorizes creation of “New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT authorizing the creation of the “New Jersey Council on
2 Access and Mobility” and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised
3 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. There is established, in but not of, the Department of
9 Transportation, the “New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility.”

10 b. The council shall consist of 15 members, as follows:

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

13 (2) the Commissioner of Human Services, ex officio, or the
14 commissioner’s designee;

15 (3) the Commissioner of Education, ex officio, or the
16 commissioner’s designee;

17 (4) the Commissioner of Community Affairs, ex officio, or the
18 commissioner’s designee;

19 (5) the Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development, ex
20 officio, or the commissioner’s designee;

21 (6) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
22 Corporation, ex officio, or the executive director’s designee;

23 (7) the Director of the Office of Disability Services in the
24 Department of Human Services, ex officio, or the director’s
25 designee;

26 (8) the Director of the Division of Aging Services in the
27 Department of Human Services, ex officio, or the director’s
28 designee;

29 (9) the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in
30 the Department of Human Services, ex officio, or the director’s
31 designee; and

32 (10) six public members, who have a demonstrated expertise in
33 the coordination of transportation services or independent living
34 services for persons with disabilities or senior citizens, of which:

35 (a) one of the public members shall be a representative of
36 Disability Rights New Jersey;

37 (b) one of the public members shall be a representative of The
38 Arc of New Jersey;

39 (c) one of the public members shall be a representative of the
40 New Jersey Statewide Independent Living Council;

41 (d) one of the public members shall be a representative of the
42 New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities;

43 (e) one of the public members shall be a representative of the
44 Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State
45 University; and

46 (f) one of the public members shall be a representative of the
47 New Jersey Council on Special Transportation.

1 Of the six public members appointed to the council, three shall
2 be appointed by the President of the Senate and three shall be
3 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

4 c. Each public member of the council shall serve for a term of
5 three years, except that, of the members first appointed, two shall
6 serve for a term of one year, two shall serve for a term of two years,
7 and two shall serve for a term of three years. Each member shall
8 serve for the term of appointment until the member's successor is
9 appointed and qualified. A public member who has completed the
10 member's term of membership may be reappointed to the council.
11 Vacancies in the council membership shall be filled in the same
12 manner as the original appointments were made.

13 d. The members of the council shall be appointed within 60
14 days after the effective date of this act, and the council shall hold its
15 initial organizational meeting as soon as practicable, but no later
16 than 30 days, after the appointment of a majority of its members.
17 The Commissioner of Transportation, or a designee, shall serve as
18 chairperson of the council, and the council shall meet, no less than
19 annually, at such places and times as the chairperson may designate.
20 The chairperson may appoint a secretary who need not be a member
21 of the council.

22 e. Members of the council shall serve without compensation,
23 but may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses
24 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of
25 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for its
26 purposes.

27 f. The Department of Transportation shall provide
28 professional, stenographic, and clerical staff to the council, as may
29 be necessary for the council to carry out its duties. The council
30 shall also be entitled to call upon the services of any State, county,
31 or municipal department, board, commission, or agency, as may be
32 available to it for its purposes.

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34 2. The purpose and duties of the council shall be to, no less
35 than annually:

36 a. study the transportation services provided to persons with
37 disabilities and senior citizens by the New Jersey Transit
38 Corporation, State agencies, counties, or municipalities;

39 b. analyze all available federal funding programs that may be
40 used for mobility management of and to provide transportation
41 services to persons with disabilities and senior citizens, and the
42 ability of the State to qualify for those funds;

43 c. coordinate the provision of transportation services across all
44 agencies that have an interest in the mobility of persons with
45 disabilities and senior citizens; and

46 d. make recommendations for legislative or executive action to
47 maximize the State's acquisition of federal funding and the

1 coordination of transportation services for persons with disabilities
2 and senior citizens.

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4 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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9 This bill establishes the New Jersey Council on Access and
10 Mobility (council).

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12 the Commissioner of Human Services; the Commissioner of
13 Education; the Commissioner of Community Affairs; the
14 Commissioner of Labor and Workforce Development; the Executive
15 Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation; the Director of the
16 Office of Disability Services; the Director of the Division of Aging
17 Services; and the Director of the Division of Developmental
18 Disabilities; and six public members, with three to be appointed by
19 the President of the Senate and three to be appointed by the Speaker
20 of the General Assembly.

21 The public members are also required to have a demonstrated
22 expertise in the coordination of transportation services or
23 independent living services for persons with disabilities or senior
24 citizens and be representatives of the following: Disability Rights
25 New Jersey; The Arc of New Jersey; the New Jersey Statewide
26 Independent Living Council; the New Jersey Council on
27 Developmental Disabilities; the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation
28 Center at Rutgers, the State University; and the New Jersey Council
29 on Special Transportation.

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