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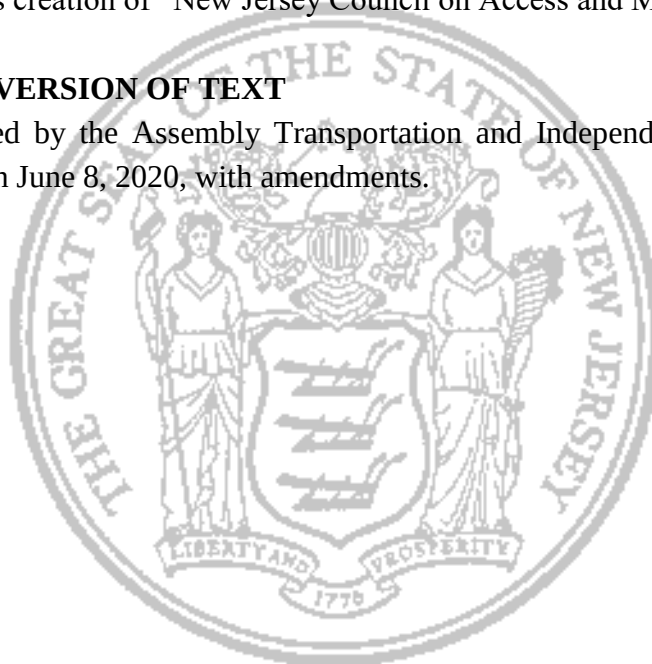
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on June 8, 2020, with amendments.



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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 ¹**[,]** in ¹1 but not of, the
9 Department of Transportation, the “New Jersey Council on Access
10 and Mobility.”

11 b. The council shall consist of ¹**[15]** ¹16¹ members, as follows:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

30 (9) the Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities in
31 the Department of Human Services, ex officio, or the director’s
32 designee; ¹**[and]**

33 (10) the State Treasurer, ex officio, or the State Treasurer’s
34 designee; and

35 (11)¹ six public members, who have a demonstrated expertise in
36 the coordination of transportation services or independent living
37 services for persons with disabilities or senior citizens, of which:

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

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

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

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 June 8, 2020.

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

3 (e) one of the public members shall be a representative of the
4 Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State
5 University ¹of New Jersey¹; and

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

8 Of the six public members appointed to the council, three shall
9 be appointed by the President of the Senate and three shall be
10 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly.

11 c. Each public member of the council shall serve for a term of
12 three years, except that, of the members first appointed, two shall
13 serve for a term of one year, two shall serve for a term of two years,
14 and two shall serve for a term of three years. Each member shall
15 serve for the term of appointment until the member's successor is
16 appointed and qualified. A public member who has completed
17 ¹~~the member's~~ ^a term of membership may be reappointed to the
18 council. Vacancies in the council membership shall be filled in the
19 same manner as the original appointments were made.

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

29 e. Members of the council shall serve without compensation,
30 but may be reimbursed for travel and other necessary expenses
31 incurred in the performance of their duties, within the limits of
32 funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the council for its
33 purposes.

34 f. The Department of Transportation shall provide
35 professional, stenographic, and clerical staff to the council, as may
36 be necessary for the council to carry out its duties. The council
37 shall also be entitled to call upon the services of any State, county,
38 or municipal department, board, commission, or agency, as may be
39 available to it for its purposes.

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

43 a. study the transportation services provided to persons with
44 disabilities and senior citizens by the New Jersey Transit
45 Corporation, State ¹deparments and¹ agencies, counties, ¹~~or~~ ¹and¹
46 municipalities;

47 b. analyze all available federal funding programs that may be
48 used for mobility management of and to provide transportation

1 services to persons with disabilities and senior citizens, and the
2 ability of the State to qualify for those funds;

3 c. ¹inventory existing State and federal transportation funding
4 sources used for transportation services within the various
5 departments and agencies in the State to study ways to improve
6 transportation services and programs;

7 d.¹ coordinate the provision of transportation services across all
8 agencies that have an interest in the mobility of persons with
9 disabilities and senior citizens; ¹and

10 d.】 e.¹ make recommendations for legislative or executive
11 action to maximize the State's acquisition of federal funding and
12 the coordination of transportation services for persons with
13 disabilities and senior citizens ¹; and

14 f. coordinate activities with the federal Coordinating Council
15 on Access and Mobility¹.

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17 3. This act shall take effect immediately.