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SYNOPSIS
Authorizes creation of "New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility."

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT
As amended by the General Assembly on July 30, 2020.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 8/27/2020)

AN ACT authorizing the creation of the "New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility" and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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

1. a. There is established [1]**[**,**]**[1] in [1]<u>,</u>[1] but not of, the Department of Transportation, the "New Jersey Council on Access and Mobility."

b. The council shall consist of [1]**[**15**]** [2]**[**<u>16</u>[1]**]** <u>17</u>[2] members, as follows:

(1) the Commissioner of Transportation, ex officio, or the commissioner's designee;

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

(3) the Commissioner of Education, ex officio, or the commissioner's designee;

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

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

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

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

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

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

<u>(10) the State Treasurer, ex officio, or the State Treasurer's designee;</u> [2]**[**<u>and</u>**]**[2]

<u>(11)</u>[1] [2]<u>the Ombudsman for Individuals with Intellectual or Developmental Disabilities and their Families, ex officio, or the ombudsman's designee; and</u>

<u>(12)</u>[2] six public members, who have a demonstrated expertise in the coordination of transportation services or independent living services for persons with disabilities or senior citizens, of which:

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

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 <u>thus</u> is new matter.
Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:
[1]Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted June 8, 2020.
[2]Assembly floor amendments adopted July 30, 2020.

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

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

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

(e) one of the public members shall be a representative of the Alan M. Voorhees Transportation Center at Rutgers, the State University [1]of New Jersey[1]; and

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

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

c. Each public member of the council shall serve for a term of three years, except that, of the members first appointed, two shall serve for a term of one year, two shall serve for a term of two years, and two shall serve for a term of three years. Each member shall serve for the term of appointment until the member's successor is appointed and qualified. A public member who has completed [1]**[**the member's**]** a[1] term of membership may be reappointed to the council. Vacancies in the council membership shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments were made.

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

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

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

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

a. study the transportation services provided to persons with disabilities and senior citizens by the New Jersey Transit

Corporation, State ¹departments and¹ agencies, counties, ¹[or] and¹ municipalities;

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

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

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

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

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

3. This act shall take effect immediately.