

ASSEMBLY, No. 5336

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SYNOPSIS

Requires Director of Division of Developmental Disabilities to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT concerning Division of Developmental Disabilities funding
2 for transportation services for persons with developmental
3 disabilities and supplementing Title 30 of the Revised 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. The Director of the Division of Developmental
9 Disabilities in the Department of Human Services shall develop a
10 payment program utilizing existing division transportation funding
11 that provides persons with developmental disabilities individual
12 monthly budgets for personal travel.

13 b. The program shall establish a method to allow individuals to
14 use their personal budget to pay for travel on: (1) motorbus regular
15 route service, rail passenger service, and light rail service operated
16 by or under contract to the New Jersey Transit Corporation; (2) pay-
17 per-ride trips provided by county transportation agencies that
18 participate in the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident
19 Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et
20 seq.); and (3) individual trips with taxi services and transportation
21 network companies with drivers that have completed the
22 Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA)
23 Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity (PASS) driver training
24 program.

25 c. The director shall develop rules and regulations that
26 encourage the utilization of existing county transportation agency
27 services for travel to and from day programs and employment sites.
28 If day programs and employment sites are not currently accessible
29 through county transportation agency services, the division shall
30 coordinate with county transportation agencies to establish these
31 services.

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33 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but remain
34 inoperative for 180 days following enactment.

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STATEMENT

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39 This bill requires the Director of the Division of Developmental
40 Disabilities in the Department of Human Services (director) to
41 develop a payment program that provides individuals with
42 developmental disabilities individual travel budgets. The program
43 is to permit individuals to use the travel budget to pay for travel on
44 the New Jersey Transit Corporation regular route bus, rail, and light
45 rail network, pay-per-ride trips provided through county
46 transportation agencies, and transportation network company and
47 taxi services with drivers that have received Passenger Assistance,
48 Safety, and Sensitivity (PASS) training.

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1 The bill also requires the director to develop rules and
2 regulations that encourage the utilization of county transportation
3 agency services for travel to and from day programs and
4 employment sites, and for the division to coordinate with county
5 transportation agencies to establish service to day programs and
6 employment sites that are not currently served by county
7 transportation agencies.