

ASSEMBLY, No. 5340

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Office of Statewide Mobility Manager to assist individuals with autism and their families with transportation and mobility needs.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 3/15/2021)

1 AN ACT establishing the Office of Statewide Mobility Manager and
2 supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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

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7 1. a. There is hereby established in the Department of
8 Transportation the Office of Statewide Mobility Manager for the
9 purpose of providing assistance with transportation services and
10 trip-planning guidance for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum
11 disorder and their guardians, families, caregivers, and service
12 providers.

13 b. For the purpose of providing assistance with transportation
14 services and trip-planning guidance for adults diagnosed with
15 autism spectrum disorder and their guardians, families, caregivers,
16 and service providers, the Office of Statewide Mobility Manager
17 shall:

18 (1) be informed on and knowledgeable of the laws and practices
19 concerning public transportation, private transportation, and the
20 “Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990” (42 U.S.C. s.12101 et
21 seq.) and any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and any
22 federal regulations adopted thereunder, with a specific focus on
23 how the laws and practices impact adults diagnosed with autism
24 spectrum disorder;

25 (2) identify and help secure feasible transportation alternatives
26 for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and their
27 guardians, families, caregivers, and service providers;

28 (3) provide uniform information on transportation services and
29 trip-planning guidance for all New Jersey residents regardless of
30 location;

31 (4) assist the State and counties with coordination strategies,
32 including but not limited to linking regions and connecting people
33 with existing transit services; and

34 (5) take any other action to fulfill the purposes of the office.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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41 This bill establishes the Office of Statewide Mobility Manager to
42 provide assistance with transportation services and trip-planning
43 guidance for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and
44 their guardians, families, caregivers, and service providers. The bill
45 specifically tasks the office with:

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- 1 (1) being informed on and knowledgeable of the laws and
2 practices concerning public transportation, private transportation,
3 and the Americans with Disabilities Act, with a specific focus on
4 how the laws and practices impact adults diagnosed with autism
5 spectrum disorder;
- 6 (2) identifying and helping secure feasible transportation
7 alternatives for adults diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and
8 their guardians, families, caregivers, and service providers;
- 9 (3) providing uniform information on transportation services
10 and trip-planning guidance for all New Jersey residents regardless
11 of location;
- 12 (4) assisting the State and counties with coordination strategies,
13 including but not limited to linking regions and connecting people
14 with existing transit services; and
- 15 (5) taking any other action to fulfill the purposes of the office.