

ASSEMBLY JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 38

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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SYNOPSIS

Establishes unified smart card fare collection study commission.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing a unified smart card fare
2 collection study commission.

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

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7 1. a. There is established a study commission to investigate the
8 costs and benefits of and to create a strategy for implementing a
9 unified smart card fare collection system across transit systems that
10 serve residents of New Jersey.

11 b. The study commission shall consist of the following five
12 members:

13 (1) a person with expertise and experience in transit smart card
14 technology who shall be appointed by the Governor;

15 (2) a person with expertise and experience in transit fare
16 collection policy who shall be appointed by the Senate President;

17 (3) a person with expertise and experience in New Jersey transit
18 system infrastructure and regional transit cooperation who shall be
19 appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; and

20 (4) two people with expertise and experience in public rail
21 passenger transportation, one of whom shall be appointed by the
22 Minority Leader of the Senate and one of whom shall be appointed
23 by the Minority Leader of the General Assembly.

24 c. Appointments to the study commission shall be made within
25 30 days of the effective date of this joint resolution. Vacancies in
26 the membership of the study commission shall be filled in the same
27 manner as the original appointments were made. Members of the
28 study commission shall serve without compensation but shall be
29 reimbursed for necessary expenses incurred in the performance of
30 their duties as members of the study commission and within the
31 limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to the
32 study commission for its purposes.

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34 2. The study commission shall organize as soon as practicable
35 following the appointment of a majority of its members, but no later
36 than 60 days after the effective date of this joint resolution. The
37 study commission shall select a chairperson from among its
38 members and may appoint a secretary who need not be a member of
39 the study commission. The study commission shall meet at the call
40 of the chairperson and hold meetings at the times and in the places
41 the study commission deems appropriate and necessary to fulfill its
42 charge.

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44 3. The Department of Transportation shall provide stenographic,
45 clerical, and other administrative assistance and professional staff
46 as the study commission requires to carry out its work. The study
47 commission shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail itself
48 of the services of the employees of any State, county, or municipal

1 department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it may require
2 and as may be available for its purposes.

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4 4. a. The purpose of the study commission shall be to study and
5 evaluate potential opportunities for every transit agency serving
6 residents of New Jersey to adopt a smart card fare collection system
7 that is compatible across all agencies.

8 b. The study commission shall prepare and submit a report to the
9 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
10 19.1), to the Legislature no later than one year following its
11 organizational meeting. The report shall include findings and
12 recommendations concerning: (1) all potential opportunities for
13 every transit agency serving New Jersey to adopt a smart card fare
14 collection system that is compatible across all agencies; (2)
15 strategies to facilitate cross-agency collaboration; and (3) fare
16 policy best practices that maximize fare box recovery and increase
17 value to transit customers.

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19 5. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately and shall
20 expire upon submission of the report required to be prepared and
21 submitted pursuant to section 4 of this joint resolution.

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24 STATEMENT

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26 This joint resolution establishes a five member study commission
27 to study and make findings and recommendations concerning all
28 potential opportunities for transit agencies that serve New Jersey
29 residents to implement a unified smart card fare collection system.

30 The study commission is to consist of: a person with expertise
31 and experience in transit smart card technology who is to be
32 appointed by the Governor; a person with expertise and experience
33 in transit fare collection policy who is to be appointed by the Senate
34 President; a person with expertise and experience in New Jersey
35 transit system infrastructure and regional transit cooperation who is
36 to be appointed by the Speaker of the General Assembly; and two
37 people with expertise and experience in public rail passenger
38 transportation, one who is to be appointed by the Minority Leader
39 of the Senate and one who is to be appointed by the Minority
40 Leader of the General Assembly.

41 The study commission is to prepare and submit a report
42 containing its findings and recommendations to the Governor and
43 the Legislature and is to expire upon submission of the report.