

ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION No. 19

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SYNOPSIS

Urges Governor and NJT to conduct marketing and investment campaign for Atlantic City Rail Line.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **AN ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION** urging the Governor and the New
2 Jersey Transit Corporation to conduct a marketing and
3 investment campaign for the Atlantic City Rail Line.
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5 **WHEREAS**, On June 20, 2019, the Legislature passed a budget for
6 fiscal year 2020 (“FY2020”) that includes a State operating subsidy
7 to the New Jersey Transit Corporation (“NJ Transit”) in the amount
8 of \$457.5 million, which is \$50 million above the amount requested
9 and proposed by the Governor earlier this year; and

10 **WHEREAS**, The \$50 million in funding above the Governor’s
11 requested budgetary amount is in addition to the Governor’s
12 proposal of \$25 million in increased funding to NJ Transit from the
13 fiscal year 2019 (“FY2019”) budget, totaling \$75 million in
14 additional funding to NJ Transit in the FY2020 budget compared to
15 the FY2019 budget; and

16 **WHEREAS**, While there are many causes worthy of additional funding
17 by NJ Transit, NJ Transit should dedicate a portion of the additional
18 funding to conduct a marketing and investment campaign for the
19 Atlantic City Rail Line (“ACRL”); and

20 **WHEREAS**, The ACRL is in need of a robust marketing and investment
21 campaign, particularly in light of the harm caused to the ACRL and
22 its passengers as a result of the lengthy suspension of service on the
23 ACRL over the course of the fall, winter, and spring of this past
24 fiscal year; and

25 **WHEREAS**, The ACRL connects a significant portion of the State’s
26 populace to the recovering economy of the City of Atlantic City as
27 well as the burgeoning economies of the City of Camden and the
28 City of Philadelphia, representing a substantial opportunity for
29 economic growth in the State; and

30 **WHEREAS**, It is altogether fitting and proper for this House to
31 respectfully urge the Governor and the Executive Director of
32 NJ Transit to capitalize on this opportunity by conducting a
33 marketing and investment campaign for the ACRL; now, therefore,
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35 **BE IT RESOLVED** *by the General Assembly of the State of New*
36 *Jersey:*
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38 1. This House respectfully urges the Governor and the
39 Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation to
40 conduct a marketing and investment campaign for the Atlantic City
41 Rail Line.
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43 2. Copies of this resolution, as filed with the Secretary of State,
44 shall be transmitted by the Clerk of the General Assembly to the
45 Governor and to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
46 Corporation.

1 STATEMENT

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3 This resolution urges the Governor and the Executive Director of
4 the New Jersey Transit Corporation to conduct a marketing and
5 investment campaign for the Atlantic City Rail Line.