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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to employ Transportation Planning Coordinator to manage and oversee transportation services provided to DHS clients.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee on December 16, 2021, with amendments.



1 AN ACT concerning transportation services provided to ¹clients
 2 of] individuals receiving certain services through¹the
 3 Department of Human Services and supplementing Title 30 of
 4 the Revised Statutes.

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

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 9 1. a. ¹[All transportation services provided to clients of the
 10 Department] The Commissioner¹ of Human Services shall ¹[be
 11 monitored and administered by a] designate an employee to be the¹
 12 Transportation Planning Coordinator ¹[employed by the
 13 department]¹.

14 b. The Transportation Planning Coordinator shall be qualified by
 15 training and experience, as necessary to perform the duties of the
 16 position ¹which training and experience may include relevant
 17 experience in the transportation industry or in coordinating,
 18 supervising, or overseeing transportation services¹. The
 19 Commissioner of Human Services shall determine the requisite
 20 qualifications for the position¹; however, at a minimum, the
 21 Transportation Planning Coordinator shall have at least five years
 22 of experience in the transportation industry or in the management of
 23 transportation services]¹.

24 c. The duties of the Transportation Planning Coordinator shall
 25 include:

26 (1) ¹[managing and overseeing the transportation services that
 27 are provided to the department's clients and ensuring the effective
 28 and efficient transportation of all such clients to and from their
 29 destinations;

30 (2) managing and]¹ overseeing the transportation providers who
 31 are contracted by ¹or have otherwise entered into an agreement
 32 with¹ the department ¹[or who are otherwise authorized to provide
 33 services to the department's clients, and ensuring that such
 34 providers are in compliance with all applicable laws, regulations,
 35 and practice and vehicle standards]¹;

36 ¹[(3)] (2)¹ monitoring and reporting ¹, as appropriate,¹ driver
 37 or vehicle issues, such as accidents, safety issues, or licensing
 38 concerns ¹as such information is made available to the coordinator¹;

39 ¹[(4)] (3)¹ soliciting ¹[and contracting with]¹ new
 40 transportation providers to serve ¹[the department's clients]
 41 applicable individuals receiving transportation services, as
 42 appropriate¹;

43 ¹[(5)] managing the dispatch of vehicles and the assignment of
 44 drivers or transportation providers to particular routes or areas of
 45 the State;

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 thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Senate SBA committee amendments adopted December 16, 2021.

1 (6) ~~(4)~~¹ ensuring that transportation providers ~~‘[adhere to~~
2 pick-up and delivery schedules and~~’]~~¹ provide timely services ~~‘[to~~
3 department clientele~~’]~~ as provided in any applicable contract or
4 agreement with the department¹;

5 ~~‘[(7)]~~ ~~(5)~~¹ maintaining records of all transportation services
6 provided to ~~‘[department clientele]~~ individuals under the
7 department’s purview¹;

8 ~~‘[(8)]~~ providing department clientele with advance notice of, and
9 an explanation describing, any proposed changes to the
10 department’s transportation system;

11 (9) ~~(6)~~¹ receiving, reviewing, investigating, and resolving
12 complaints filed with respect to ~~‘[the]~~ applicable¹ transportation
13 services ~~‘[that are provided to department clientele]~~¹;

14 ~~‘[(10)]~~ ~~(7)~~¹ conducting internal reviews and investigations to
15 identify inefficiencies or other problems occurring within the
16 department’s transportation system, and instituting revised
17 procedures to address identified concerns or issues;

18 ~~‘[(11)]~~ ~~(8)~~¹ analyzing the costs of transportation services
19 offered through the department, and recommending more cost
20 effective methods of transportation, where appropriate; and

21 ~~‘[(12)]~~ ~~(9)~~¹ any other appropriate duties assigned by the
22 department.

23 d. On at least an annual basis, the Transportation Planning
24 Coordinator shall submit a written report to the commissioner
25 describing the coordinator’s ‘relevant¹ activities over the prior
26 year~~’]~~. Each annual report shall include:

27 (1) a description of any changes to the transportation system that
28 have been implemented during the reporting period, and a
29 description of any other changes that are recommended or are being
30 considered, but which are not yet implemented;

31 (2) ~~‘]~~ and shall provide¹ a summary of transportation-related
32 complaints received during the reporting period, and an indication
33 of the extent to which and manner in which such complaints were
34 resolved~~‘]~~;

35 (3) an accounting of any other concerns or problems identified
36 by the coordinator; and

37 (4) any other information required by the commissioner~~’]~~¹.

38 e. As used in this section:

39 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Human Services.

40 “Department” means the Department of Human Services.

41 ~~‘[“Clients” or “clientele” means those persons who are eligible~~
42 ~~to receive transportation services provided by the department.]~~¹
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44 2. The Commissioner of Human Services ~~‘[shall]~~ may¹ adopt
45 rules and regulations, pursuant to the “Administrative Procedure
46 Act,” P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et seq.), as may be necessary to
47 implement the provisions of this act.

1 3. This act shall take effect on the first day of the **'[sixth]**
2 tenth¹ month next following the date of enactment, except that the
3 Commissioner of Human Services may take anticipatory
4 administrative action in advance of the effective date, as may be
5 necessary to implement the provisions of this act.