

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3438

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Senate Bill No. 3438.

As amended and reported, this bill requires the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system, in conjunction with the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) and the Department of Human Services (DHS), to review, revise, and maintain information concerning the current modes of available public transit, information on accessing various modes of public transit, and information on how to use the services. Under the bill, NJT and DHS are responsible for providing appropriate and up-to-date information to the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system so that all relevant public transit providers are included.

The information collected and maintained by NJT, DHS, and the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system is to include a listing of all current modes of public transit available in New Jersey, a description of any and all prequalification or eligibility determinations required before use of the various public transit services, information on accessing the various modes of public transit, information on how to use the services, and each public transit provider's contact information. The information is then to be displayed on the websites of both NJT and DHS, as well as made available to the public through the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system.

The committee amendments make a grammatical correction to the bill and clarify a reference in the bill to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

As amended and reported, Senate Bill No. 3438 is identical to Assembly Bill No. A5341(1R), which was also reported by the committee on this date.