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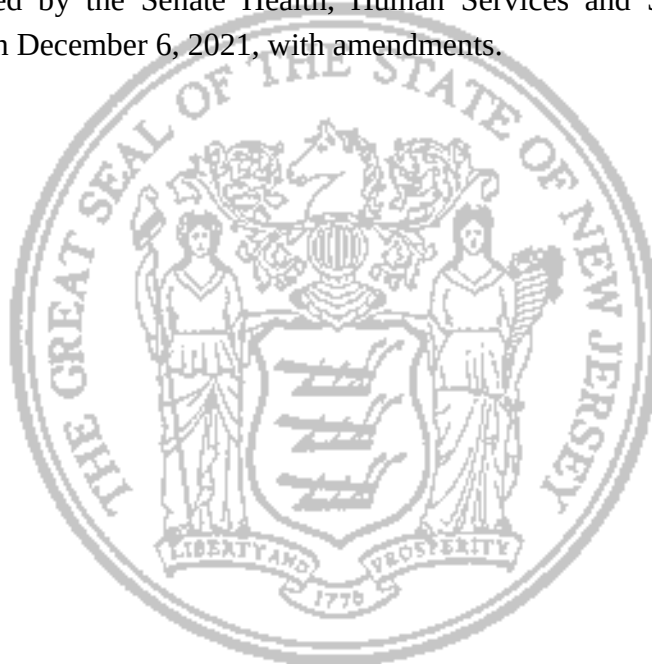
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SYNOPSIS

Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Health, Human Services and Senior Citizens Committee on December 6, 2021, with amendments.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning ¹**["Division of Developmental Disabilities]**
2 Department of Human Services¹ funding for transportation
3 services for persons with ¹**["developmental"]** certain¹ disabilities
4 and supplementing Title 30 of 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. The ¹**["Director of the Division of Developmental**
10 **Disabilities in the Department]** Commissioner¹ of Human Services
11 shall develop a payment program utilizing existing ¹**["division]**
12 department¹ transportation funding that provides persons ¹**["with**
13 **developmental disabilities]** diagnosed with autism spectrum
14 disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental
15 disabilities¹ individual monthly budgets for personal travel.

16 b. The program shall establish a method to allow individuals to
17 use their personal budget to pay for travel on: (1) motorbus regular
18 route service, rail passenger service, and light rail service operated
19 by or under contract to the New Jersey Transit Corporation; (2) pay-
20 per-ride trips provided by county transportation agencies that
21 participate in the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident
22 Transportation Assistance Act," P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et
23 seq.); and (3) individual trips with taxi services and transportation
24 network companies with drivers that have completed the
25 Community Transportation Association of America's (CTAA)
26 Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity (PASS) driver training
27 program.

28 c. The ¹**["director]** comissioner¹ shall develop rules and
29 regulations that encourage the utilization of existing county
30 transportation agency services for travel to and from day programs
31 and employment sites. If day programs and employment sites are
32 not currently accessible through county transportation agency
33 services, the ¹**["division]** department¹ shall coordinate with county
34 transportation agencies to establish these services.

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36 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but remain
37 inoperative for 180 days following enactment.

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 SHH committee amendments adopted December 6, 2021.