

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 17

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

219th LEGISLATURE

PRE-FILED FOR INTRODUCTION IN THE 2020 SESSION

Sponsored by:

Senator FRED H. MADDEN, JR.

District 4 (Camden and Gloucester)

SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Persons with Disabilities and Senior Citizen Transportation Services Task Force” to study and make recommendations concerning ways to improve transportation services for persons with disabilities and senior citizens.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



1 **A JOINT RESOLUTION** establishing the “Persons with Disabilities
2 and Senior Citizen Transportation Services Task Force.”

3

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

6

7 1. There is established the “Persons with Disabilities and
8 Senior Citizen Transportation Services Task Force.”

9 a. The task force shall consist of the following seven members:

10 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, ex officio, or a
11 designee;

12 (2) the Commissioner of Human Services, ex officio, or a
13 designee;

14 (3) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit
15 Corporation, ex officio, or a designee;

16 (4) a representative from the New Jersey Association of
17 Counties, who shall be appointed by the Governor;

18 (5) a representative from an organization whose members
19 advocate for persons with intellectual and developmental
20 disabilities, who shall be appointed by the Governor;

21 (6) a representative from an organization whose members
22 advocate for persons with physical disabilities, who shall be
23 appointed by the President of the Senate; and

24 (7) a representative from an organization whose members
25 advocate for senior citizens, who shall be appointed by the Speaker
26 of the General Assembly.

27 b. The members of the task force shall serve without
28 compensation, but may be reimbursed for necessary and actual
29 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties to the extent
30 that funds are made available for that purpose.

31

32 2. a. The task force shall organize within 30 days of the
33 appointment of its members. The task force shall elect a
34 chairperson from among its members and the chairperson shall
35 select a secretary who need not be a member of the task force.

36 b. The task force may meet at the call of its chairperson at
37 times and in the places determined by the chairperson, and may
38 conduct public hearings at any place designated by the task force.

39 c. The task force may request at these hearings the appearance
40 of officials of any State agency or political subdivision of the State
41 and may solicit testimony from interested groups and the general
42 public.

43 d. The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and
44 avail itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or
45 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it
46 may require and as may be available to it for its purposes, and to
47 employ stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and
48 other miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform its duties, within

1 the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it
2 for its purposes.

3 e. Four members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for
4 the transaction of business.

5

6 3. The task force shall examine ways to improve transportation
7 services for persons with disabilities and senior citizens. The task
8 force shall specifically consider the following issues and services:

9 a. transportation obstacles for persons with disabilities and
10 senior citizens and solutions for mitigating those obstacles;

11 b. ways to improve infrastructure and technology and to
12 coordinate and connect transportation systems to create seamless
13 mobility;

14 c. ways to improve independent travel training;

15 d. ways to improve real-time transit technology in order to
16 inform passengers of delays or cancellations; and

17 e. ways in which automated and connected vehicle technology
18 can improve transportation accessibility for persons with disabilities
19 and senior citizens.

20

21 4. The task force shall prepare and submit a report of its
22 findings and recommendations, including legislative proposals, to
23 the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164
24 (C.52:14-19.1), the Legislature no later than 18 months after the
25 organizational meeting of the task force. The task force shall expire
26 upon submission of this report.

27

28 5. This joint resolution shall take effect immediately and shall
29 expire when the report required by section 4 of this resolution is
30 issued.

31

32

33 STATEMENT

34

35 This joint resolution establishes the “Persons with Disabilities
36 and Senior Citizen Transportation Services Task Force” to study
37 and make recommendations concerning ways to improve
38 transportation services for persons with disabilities and senior
39 citizens.

40 Specifically, the task force is required to consider the following
41 issues and services: 1) transportation obstacles for persons with
42 disabilities and senior citizens and solutions for mitigating those
43 obstacles; 2) ways to improve infrastructure and technology and to
44 coordinate and connect transportation systems to create seamless
45 mobility; 3) ways to improve independent travel training; 4) ways
46 to improve real-time transit technology in order to inform
47 passengers of delays or cancellations; and 5) ways in which
48 automated and connected vehicle technology can improve

SJR17 MADDEN

4

1 transportation accessibility for persons with disabilities and senior
2 citizens.

3 The task force is required to submit a report of its findings and
4 recommendations, including legislative proposals, to the Governor
5 and the Legislature within 18 months of its organizational meeting.

6 The commission will expire upon submission of the report.