

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

No. 17

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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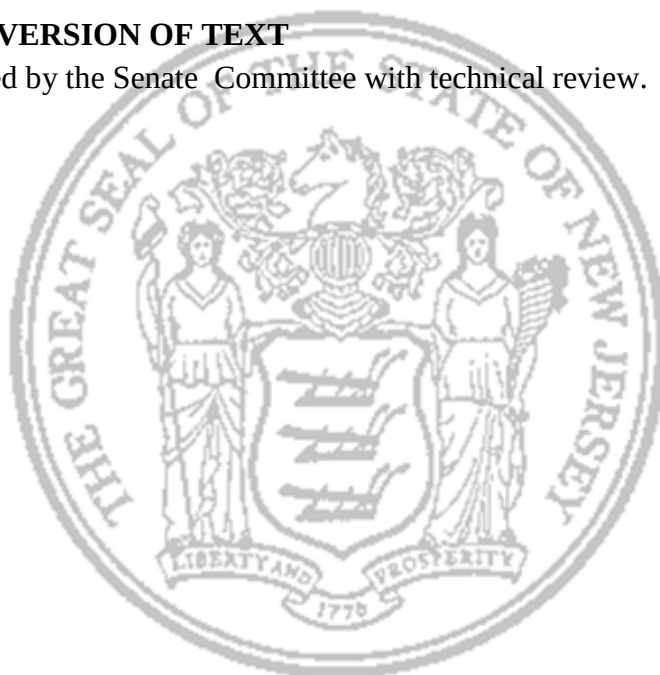
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SYNOPSIS

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

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Committee with technical review.



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

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

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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.

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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

1 employ stenographic and clerical assistance and incur traveling and
2 other miscellaneous expenses necessary to perform its duties, within
3 the limits of funds appropriated or otherwise made available to it
4 for its purposes.

5 e. Four members of the task force shall constitute a quorum for
6 the transaction of business.

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

11 a. transportation obstacles for persons with disabilities and
12 senior citizens and solutions for mitigating those obstacles;

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

16 c. ways to improve independent travel training;

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

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

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

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