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Sponsored by:

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SYNOPSIS

Directs DOT and NJT to study and report on transportation infrastructure needs in coastal counties.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT directing the Department of Transportation and the New
2 Jersey Transit Corporation to study and report on certain
3 transportation infrastructure needs.
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5 **BE IT ENACTED** by the Senate and General Assembly of the State
6 of New Jersey:
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8 1. The Department of Transportation and the New Jersey
9 Transit Corporation shall conduct a study and prepare and submit,
10 within six months of the effective date of this act, to the Chair of
11 the Senate Transportation Committee and the Chair of the Assembly
12 Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee, or the
13 respective successor committees, as appropriate, a written report
14 which shall make findings and recommendations concerning the
15 transportation infrastructure needs in Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic,
16 Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties. The report shall
17 examine the specific transportation infrastructure needs of each
18 county, including, but not limited to: necessary repair, maintenance,
19 and improvement of existing roads, highways, bridges, and rail
20 lines; necessary construction of new roads, highways, bridges, and
21 rail lines; the environmental impact of any new construction; the
22 infrastructure needs of each county and the region as a whole in
23 preparing for the safe and expedient evacuation of the coast in the
24 event of an emergency, including appropriate evacuation routes and
25 alternative means of evacuation; the alleviation of traffic
26 congestion; the estimated costs of meeting the transportation
27 infrastructure needs of each county and the region as a whole; the
28 availability of federal funds; and any other information relevant to
29 the subject of the report.

30 The Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Transit
31 Corporation may consult with, as necessary, the New Jersey
32 Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Transportation Authority
33 concerning the transportation infrastructure needs of the toll road
34 authorities in coastal counties.

35 The Department of Transportation and the New Jersey Transit
36 Corporation may consult with, as necessary, the Superintendent of
37 State Police and the Director of the Office of Homeland Security
38 and Preparedness concerning the transportation infrastructure needs
39 of the coastal counties and the region as a whole in preparing for
40 the safe and expedient evacuation of the coast in the event of an
41 emergency.
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43 2. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire on the
44 30th day following submission of the report required to be prepared
45 under section 1 of this act.

STATEMENT

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This bill requires the Department of Transportation (“the department”) and the New Jersey Transit Corporation (“the corporation”) to conduct a study and prepare and submit a written report which shall make findings and recommendations concerning the transportation infrastructure needs in Monmouth, Ocean, Atlantic, Cape May, Cumberland, and Salem counties. The report is to be submitted within six months of the effective date of this bill, to the Chair of the Senate Transportation Committee and the Chair of the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee. The report is to examine the specific transportation infrastructure needs of each county, including, but not limited to: necessary repair, maintenance, and improvement of existing roads, highways, bridges, and rail lines; necessary construction of new roads, highways, bridges, and rail lines; the environmental impact of such new construction; the infrastructure needs of each county and the region as a whole in preparing for the safe and expedient evacuation of the coast in the event of an emergency, including appropriate evacuation routes and alternative means of evacuation; the alleviation of traffic congestion; the estimated costs of meeting the transportation infrastructure needs of each county and the region as a whole; the availability of federal funds; and any other information relevant to the subject of the report.

The department and the corporation may consult with, as necessary, the New Jersey Turnpike Authority and the South Jersey Transportation Authority concerning the transportation infrastructure needs of the toll road authorities in coastal counties.

The department and the corporation may also consult with, as necessary, the Superintendent of State Police and the Director of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness concerning the transportation infrastructure needs of coastal counties in preparing for the safe and expedient evacuation of the coast in the event of an emergency. It is the sponsor’s intent that this bill address the problems demonstrated during the evacuations necessitated by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita.