

**ASSEMBLY, No. 5256**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**218th LEGISLATURE**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Requires NJT to conduct feasibility study on restoring one-seat ride to Manhattan on Raritan Valley Line.

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 11/8/2019)**

1 AN ACT requiring the New Jersey Transit Corporation to conduct a  
2 feasibility study for certain transit services.

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

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7 1. a. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall conduct a study  
8 on the feasibility of providing rail service on the Raritan Valley  
9 Line that offers full-time direct rail service to New York City.

10 b. Within six months of the effective date of this act, the  
11 corporation shall prepare and submit a written report to the  
12 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
13 19.1), to the Legislature detailing the findings of the study. The  
14 report shall include findings concerning why direct service was  
15 initially suspended, historical and expected ridership for the direct  
16 rail service to New York City, actions that the corporation is  
17 required to take in order to provide full-time direct service to New  
18 York City, the amount of time those actions are expected to take,  
19 the cost to provide the service, and any factors that may delay or  
20 increase the cost of providing the service.

21 c. For the purposes of this section, “full-time direct rail service”  
22 means rail service that provides a one-seat ride to and from its  
23 termini and that operates on weekdays and weekends, during peak  
24 hours and non-peak hours.

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26 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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#### STATEMENT

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31 This bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation  
32 (NJ Transit) to conduct a feasibility study on providing rail service  
33 on the Raritan Valley Line that offers full-time direct rail service to  
34 New York City. NJ Transit is required to prepare and submit a  
35 report detailing the findings of the study within six months of  
36 enactment.

37 The report is required to include findings concerning why service  
38 was initially suspended, historical and expected ridership for the  
39 direct rail service to New York City, actions that the corporation is  
40 required to take in order to provide the service, the amount of time  
41 those actions are expected to take, the cost to provide the service,  
42 and any factors that may delay or increase the cost of providing the  
43 service.