

**SENATE, No. 2645**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**District 21 (Morris, Somerset and Union)**

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**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



**(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 7/2/2020)**

1 AN ACT establishing the “New Jersey Transit ADA Task Force.”

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

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6 1. There is established the “New Jersey Transit ADA Task  
7 Force.”

8 a. The task force shall consist of the following nine members:

9 (1) the Commissioner of Transportation, ex officio, or the  
10 commissioner’s designee;

11 (2) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit  
12 Corporation, ex officio, or the executive director’s designee;

13 (3) three public members appointed by the Governor, including  
14 one member who shall be a representative from an organization  
15 whose members advocate for persons with disabilities;

16 (4) two public members appointed by the President of the  
17 Senate; and

18 (5) two public members appointed by the Speaker of the General  
19 Assembly.

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

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25 2. a. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable  
26 following the appointment of a majority of its members, but no later  
27 than 60 days after the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the  
28 membership of the task force shall be filled in the same manner as  
29 the original appointments were made. The task force shall select a  
30 chairperson from among its members and may appoint a secretary  
31 who need not be a member of the task force. The task force shall  
32 meet at the call of the chairperson.

33 b. The New Jersey Transit Corporation shall provide  
34 stenographic, clerical, and other administrative assistance and  
35 professional staff as the task force requires to carry out its work.  
36 The task force shall be entitled to call to its assistance and avail  
37 itself of the services of the employees of any State, county, or  
38 municipal department, board, bureau, commission, or agency as it  
39 may require and as may be available for its purposes.

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41 3. a. The task force shall study all terminals, stations, stops,  
42 and equipment owned or operated by the New Jersey Transit  
43 Corporation and all terminals, stations, stops, and equipment owned  
44 or operated by an entity under contract with the corporation for  
45 compliance with the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities  
46 Act. The task force shall:

1 (1) study and compile a list of all upgrades that need to be  
2 completed in order to ensure that the terminals, stations, stops, and  
3 equipment owned or operated by the corporation or an entity under  
4 contract with the corporation are in full compliance with the  
5 Americans with Disabilities Act;

6 (2) study and determine the cost to complete each upgrade  
7 identified in paragraph (1) of subsection a. of this section; and

8 (3) study and determine whether ramps may be installed at  
9 terminals, stations, and stops where elevators are not available or  
10 where elevators are not in compliance with the provisions of the  
11 Americans with Disabilities Act.

12 For purposes of this section, “Americans with Disabilities Act”  
13 means the “Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990” (42 U.S.C.  
14 s.12101 et seq.), any acts amendatory or supplementary thereto, and  
15 any regulations and standards adopted thereunder.

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17 4. The task force shall prepare and submit a report of its  
18 findings and recommendations that comply with the provisions of  
19 section 3 of this act to the Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of  
20 P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-19.1), to the Legislature no later than two  
21 years after the effective date of this act. The task force shall expire  
22 upon submission of this report.

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24 5. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
25 submission of the report required by section 4 of this act.

#### 26 27 28 STATEMENT

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30 This bill establishes a nine member “New Jersey Transit ADA  
31 Task Force” (task force) to study all terminals, stations, stops, and  
32 equipment owned or operated by the New Jersey Transit  
33 Corporation (NJ Transit) and all terminals, stations, stops, and  
34 equipment owned or operated by an entity under contract with NJ  
35 Transit for compliance with the federal requirements under the  
36 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

37 Under the bill, the task force is required to study and compile a  
38 list of all upgrades that need to be completed in order to ensure that  
39 the terminals, stations, stops, and equipment owned or operated by  
40 NJ Transit or an entity under contract with NJ Transit are in full  
41 compliance with the ADA. The task force is also required to study  
42 and determine the cost to complete each upgrade and study and  
43 determine whether ramps may be installed at certain terminals,  
44 stations, and stops.

45 The task force is to prepare and submit a report of its findings  
46 and recommendations no later than two years after the bill’s  
47 effective date. The task force expires upon submission of the  
48 report.