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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 5334**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **219th LEGISLATURE**

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires DOT, NJT, and DHS to study and implement transportation mobility and accessibility improvements for persons with autism and developmental disabilities.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on March 15, 2021, with amendments.

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 1/10/2022)

1 AN ACT concerning transportation mobility and accessibility for  
 2 persons with autism and developmental disabilities and  
 3 supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. The Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the  
 9 New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human  
 10 Services<sup>1,1</sup> shall conduct a holistic review of current infrastructure  
 11 design practices for new and rehabilitated public highways and public  
 12 transportation projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to section 3  
 13 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3). Upon completion of the review, the  
 14 <sup>1</sup>**department** Department of Transportation<sup>1</sup> shall adopt new and  
 15 revised design practices that implement design elements and result in  
 16 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of  
 17 individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and  
 18 developmental disabilities to travel independently.

19 b. The Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the New  
 20 Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human Services<sup>1,1</sup>  
 21 shall conduct a study of nationwide best practices <sup>1</sup>**[,]**<sup>1</sup> that identifies  
 22 ways to operate public roadway facilities, public transportation  
 23 services, and any mobility programs operated or funded under the  
 24 Department of Human Services in a manner that makes transportation  
 25 services and mobility programs more accessible for individuals  
 26 diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and developmental  
 27 disabilities.

28 c. The Department of Transportation shall encourage regional and  
 29 local entities that apply for funding through the local aid program,  
 30 pursuant to section 25 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-25), to adopt  
 31 comparable design policies and best practices that are consistent with  
 32 the measures adopted at the State level pursuant to subsection a. and  
 33 subsection b. of this section.

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35 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

**EXPLANATION** – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is  
 not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

<sup>1</sup>Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted March 15, 2021.