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## **ASSEMBLY, No. 5336**

# **STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

## **219th LEGISLATURE**

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### **SYNOPSIS**

Requires DHS to establish payment programs for purchase of transportation services from private sector and government transportation service providers.

### **CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

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

(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/20/2021)

1 AN ACT concerning <sup>1</sup>**["Division of Developmental Disabilities"]**  
 2 Department of Human Services<sup>1</sup> funding for transportation services  
 3 for persons with <sup>1</sup>**["developmental"]** certain<sup>1</sup> disabilities and  
 4 supplementing Title 30 of the Revised Statutes.

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 6 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*  
 7 *of New Jersey:*

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 9 1. a. The <sup>1</sup>**["Director of the Division of Developmental Disabilities**  
 10 **in the Department"]** Commissioner<sup>1</sup> of Human Services shall develop a  
 11 payment program utilizing existing <sup>1</sup>**["division"]** department<sup>1</sup>  
 12 transportation funding that provides persons <sup>1</sup>**["with developmental**  
 13 **disabilities"]** diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons  
 14 with intellectual and developmental disabilities<sup>1</sup> individual monthly  
 15 budgets for personal travel.

16 b. The program shall establish a method to allow individuals to  
 17 use their personal budget to pay for travel on: (1) motorbus regular  
 18 route service, rail passenger service, and light rail service operated by  
 19 or under contract to the New Jersey Transit Corporation; (2) pay-per-  
 20 ride trips provided by county transportation agencies that participate in  
 21 the "Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance  
 22 Act," P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.); and (3) individual trips  
 23 with taxi services and transportation network companies with drivers  
 24 that have completed the Community Transportation Association of  
 25 America's (CTAA) Passenger Assistance, Safety, and Sensitivity  
 26 (PASS) driver training program.

27 c. The <sup>1</sup>**["director"]** commissioner<sup>1</sup> shall develop rules and  
 28 regulations that encourage the utilization of existing county  
 29 transportation agency services for travel to and from day programs and  
 30 employment sites. If day programs and employment sites are not  
 31 currently accessible through county transportation agency services, the  
 32 <sup>1</sup>**["division"]** department<sup>1</sup> shall coordinate with county transportation  
 33 agencies to establish these services.

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 35 2. This act shall take effect immediately, but remain  
 36 inoperative for 180 days following enactment.

**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.