

**SENATE, No. 1555**

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**STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**219th LEGISLATURE**

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**Sponsored by:**

**Senator NICHOLAS P. SCUTARI**

**District 22 (Middlesex, Somerset and Union)**

**SYNOPSIS**

Establishes “Transportation Services Coordination Task Force.”

**CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT**

As introduced.



1 AN ACT establishing the “Transportation Services Coordination  
2 Task Force.”

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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. There is established a task force to be known as the  
8 “Transportation Services Coordination Task Force.”

9 b. The task force shall consist of the following 23 members:

10 (1) the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit  
11 Corporation, or the executive director’s designee, who shall serve  
12 ex officio;

13 (2) the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner’s  
14 designee, who shall serve ex officio; and

15 (3) one person from each of the 21 counties in this State with  
16 expertise and experience in public transportation within the  
17 person’s respective county who shall be appointed by the person’s  
18 respective board of chosen freeholders.

19 c. Appointments to the task force shall be made within 30 days  
20 of the effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the  
21 task force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
22 appointments were made. Members of the task force shall serve  
23 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for necessary  
24 expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of  
25 the task force and within the limits of funds appropriated or  
26 otherwise made available to the task force for its purposes.

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28 2. The task force shall organize as soon as practicable  
29 following the appointment of a majority of its members, but no later  
30 than 60 days after the effective date of this act. The task force shall  
31 select a chairperson from among its members and may appoint a  
32 secretary who need not be a member of the task force. The task  
33 force shall meet at the call of the chairperson and hold hearings at  
34 the times and in the places the task force deems appropriate and  
35 necessary to fulfill its charge.

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

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45 4. The task force shall study and make findings and  
46 recommendations concerning all potential opportunities for the New  
47 Jersey Transit Corporation, the New Jersey Department of  
48 Transportation, and each county in New Jersey to coordinate

1 transportation services offered throughout the State to better serve  
2 members of the community, particularly transit-dependent  
3 individuals.

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5 5. The task force shall prepare and submit a report to the  
6 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-  
7 19.1), to the Legislature no later than one year following its  
8 organizational meeting. The report shall contain the task force's  
9 findings and recommendations required pursuant to section 4 of this  
10 act.

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12 6. This act shall take effect immediately and shall expire upon  
13 submission of the report required to be prepared and submitted  
14 pursuant to section 5 of this act.

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17 **STATEMENT**

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19 This bill establishes the "Transportation Services Coordination  
20 Task Force" (task force), which is to be comprised of the Executive  
21 Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT), the  
22 Commissioner of Transportation, and one person from each of the  
23 21 counties in this State who has expertise and experience in public  
24 transportation in the person's respective county and who is to be  
25 appointed by the person's respective board of chosen freeholders.  
26 Appointments to the task force shall be made within 30 days of the  
27 effective date of this act. Vacancies in the membership of the task  
28 force shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
29 appointments were made. The task force is to organize as soon as  
30 practicable following the appointment of a majority of its members,  
31 but no later than 60 days after the effective date of this bill.

32 The task force is to study and make findings and  
33 recommendations concerning all potential opportunities for NJT,  
34 the New Jersey Department of Transportation, and each county in  
35 New Jersey to coordinate transportation services offered throughout  
36 the State to better serve members of the community, particularly  
37 transit-dependent individuals. The task force is to submit a report  
38 on its findings to the Governor and to the Legislature within one  
39 year of the effective date of this bill.