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SYNOPSIS

Establishes “Transportation Services Coordination Task Force.”

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Senate Transportation Committee on November 8, 2021,
with amendments.



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 ¹[23] 24¹
10 members:

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

13 (2) the Commissioner of Transportation, or the commissioner’s
14 designee, who shall serve ex officio; ¹[and]¹

15 (3) ¹the President of the Bus Association of New Jersey, or the
16 president’s designee, who shall serve ex officio; and

17 (4)¹ one person from each of the 21 counties in this State with
18 expertise and experience in public transportation within the person’s
19 respective county who shall be appointed by the person’s respective
20 board of ¹[chosen freeholders] county commissioners¹.

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

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

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

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:

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted November 8, 2021.

1 4. The task force shall study and make findings and
2 recommendations concerning all potential opportunities for the New
3 Jersey Transit Corporation, the New Jersey Department of
4 Transportation, and each county in New Jersey to coordinate
5 transportation services offered throughout the State to better serve
6 members of the community, particularly transit-dependent
7 individuals.

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9 5. The task force shall prepare and submit a report to the
10 Governor and, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
11 19.1), to the Legislature no later than one year following its
12 organizational meeting. The report shall contain the task force's
13 findings and recommendations required pursuant to section 4 of this
14 act.

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