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SYNOPSIS

Requires certain transportation research to consider needs of individuals with physical, sensory, intellectual, and developmental disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on June 30, 2021.



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1 AN ACT concerning transportation research and amending
 2 P.L.2019, c.196.

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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. Section 4 of P.L.2019, c.196 (C.27:1B-21.36) is amended to
 8 read as follows:

9 4. a. ¹**There is hereby established within the Department of**
 10 **Transportation, the** The¹ New Jersey Transportation Research
 11 ¹**Center** Bureau within the Department of Transportation¹,
 12 hereinafter referred to as the ¹**center** bureau, shall serve as a
 13 transportation research center for the State¹.

14 b. The ¹**center** shall be located within the Department of
 15 Transportation, and the center bureau¹ shall award research
 16 contracts to New Jersey public research institutions of higher
 17 education to conduct the research activities of the ¹**center**
 18 bureau¹. The award of those research contracts shall be subject to
 19 all relevant existing State and federally established public bidding
 20 regulations and processes.

21 c. The ¹**center** bureau¹ shall identify specific areas of
 22 transportation expertise for New Jersey public research institutions
 23 of higher education, where all research undertaken by the ¹**center**
 24 bureau¹ in that area of expertise is to occur, and shall be subject to
 25 all relevant existing State and federally established public bidding
 26 regulations and processes.

27 d. The Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint a
 28 ¹**director** manager¹ for the ¹**center** bureau¹. The duties of the
 29 ¹**director** manager¹ shall include but not be limited to:

- 30 (1) Administering and operating the ¹**center** bureau¹;
 31 (2) Overseeing research undertaken by the ¹**center** bureau¹;
 32 (3) Establishing and maintaining relationships with New Jersey
 33 public research institutions of higher education;
 34 (4) Supporting New Jersey public research institutions of higher
 35 education in obtaining and maintaining University Transportation
 36 Center status under the United States Department of Transportation
 37 Federal Highway Administration's University Transportation Center
 38 Program; and
 39 (5) Authorizing competitive bidding for research contracts to
 40 include entities in addition to New Jersey public research
 41 institutions of higher education, notwithstanding the provisions of
 42 subsections b. and c. of this section to the contrary, after making a
 43 written determination that the department stands to benefit from

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 floor amendments adopted June 30, 2021.

1 additional competition in terms of quality of work product,
2 timeliness of work product delivery, or availability of expertise in
3 one or more specific transportation areas.

4 e. Any contract entered into pursuant to this section shall
5 include a provision that requires research conducted under the
6 contract to consider the transportation and mobility needs of New
7 Jersey residents with physical, sensory, intellectual, and
8 developmental disabilities.

9 f. For purposes of this section, "entities" means an entity that
10 is organized as a non-profit organization. "Entities" shall not
11 include a municipal planning organization or a municipal planning
12 organization-related entity, regardless of whether it is organized as
13 a non-profit organization.

14 (cf: P.L.2019, c.196, s.4)

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16 2. This act shall take effect immediately.