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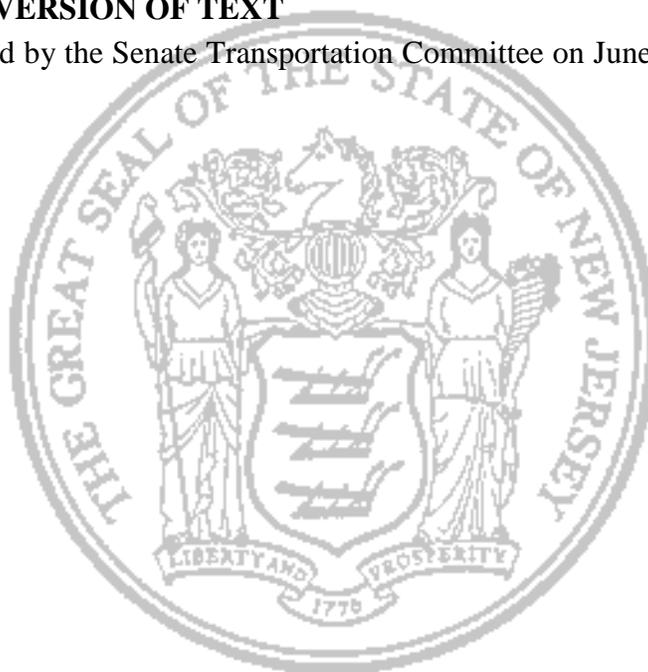
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SYNOPSIS

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 Senate Transportation Committee on June 10, 2021, with amendments.



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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
9 the New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human
10 Services^{1, 1} shall conduct a holistic review of current infrastructure
11 design practices for new and rehabilitated public highways and
12 public transportation projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to
13 section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3). Upon completion of the
14 review, the ¹**[department]** Department of Transportation¹ shall
15 adopt new and revised design practices that implement design
16 elements and result in infrastructure improvement projects that
17 promote the ability of individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum
18 disorder and developmental disabilities to travel independently.

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

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

¹Senate STR committee amendments adopted June 10, 2021.