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SYNOPSIS

Establishes Mobility and Transportation Innovation Program in DOT; appropriates \$10 million.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee on December 8, 2022, with amendments.



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1 AN ACT establishing the Mobility and Transportation Innovation
2 Program, supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes, and
3 making an appropriation.

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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. As used in P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the
9 Legislature as this bill):

10 “Commissioner” means the Commissioner of Transportation.

11 “Department” means the Department of Transportation.

12 “Local government unit” means a county, municipality, or joint
13 meeting, including any commission, authority, board, agency, or
14 any other similar entity thereof.

15 “Program” means the Mobility and Transportation Innovation
16 Program established pursuant to section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.)
17 (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

18 “Public transportation project” means the same as that term is
19 defined in section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3).

20 “Transit agency” means any organization or entity, including for-
21 profit businesses, non-profit organizations and independent
22 authorities, that provides public transportation service.

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24 2. a. There is established in the department the Mobility and
25 Transportation Innovation Program to award grants to local
26 government units and transit agencies to fund public transportation
27 projects that utilize innovative technologies and strategies to
28 enhance passenger mobility, increase access to public transportation
29 among disadvantaged communities, and reduce greenhouse gas
30 emissions.

31 b. A local government unit or transit agency may use a
32 program grant to support the provision of new transportation
33 services, the expansion of existing transportation services, or the
34 matching requirements for an otherwise eligible project that
35 receives federal funding. To qualify for a program grant, the
36 transportation project undertaken by the local government unit or
37 transit agency shall:

38 (1) enable low-income persons, including persons without
39 access to smartphone technology, to access any transportation
40 services made available through the project;

41 (2) include accessibility features to accommodate the mobility
42 needs of persons with disabilities;

43 (3) utilize innovative technologies or strategies that have
44 already demonstrated success in similar transportation projects; and

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:

¹Assembly ATR committee amendments adopted December 8, 2022.

- 1 (4) meet any other eligibility criteria established by the
2 department.
- 3 c. Any local government unit or transit agency may submit an
4 application to the commissioner for a program grant, provided that
5 the application shall be submitted in a form and manner prescribed
6 by the commissioner. In addition to any other information that the
7 commissioner may deem appropriate, the application shall require
8 the applicant to submit information:
- 9 (1) describing the transportation project, including the total
10 anticipated costs of the project, all other sources of project funding,
11 and the requested grant amount; and
- 12 (2) demonstrating that the transportation project meets the
13 eligibility criteria for the program.
- 14 d. The commissioner shall approve applications for the
15 program on a competitive basis, subject to the availability of funds.
16 The commissioner may award grants to approved applicants in such
17 amounts as the commissioner deems appropriate.
- 18 e. Within one year of the effective date of P.L. ,
19 c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill), the
20 department shall submit a written report to the Governor and to
21 Legislature, pursuant to section 2 of P.L.1991, c.164 (C.52:14-
22 19.1), detailing the operations of the program. At a minimum, the
23 report shall describe each project for which a program grant was
24 awarded, specify the amount of each grant award, and assess the
25 performance of the program.
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- 27 3. The commissioner shall adopt, pursuant to the
28 "Administrative Procedure Act," P.L.1968, c.410 (C.52:14B-1 et
29 seq.), rules and regulations necessary to effectuate the provisions of
30 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).
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- 32 4. There is appropriated ¹ ~~[\$20]~~ \$10¹ million from the General
33 Fund to the Department of Transportation to support the Mobility
34 and Transportation Innovation Program established pursuant to
35 section 2 of P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature
36 as this bill).
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- 38 5. This act shall take effect immediately.