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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

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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

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

21 c. The **center** bureau shall identify specific areas of
22 transportation expertise for New Jersey public research institutions
23 of higher education, where all research undertaken by the **center**
24 bureau 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 **director** manager for the **center** bureau. The duties of the
29 **director** manager shall include but not be limited to:

30 (1) Administering and operating the **center** bureau;

31 (2) Overseeing research undertaken by the **center** bureau;

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
44 additional competition in terms of quality of work product,
45 timeliness of work product delivery, or availability of expertise in
46 one or more specific transportation areas.

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.

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

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

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

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13 2. This act shall take effect immediately.
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16 STATEMENT
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18 This bill requires all transportation research contracts entered
19 into by the New Jersey Transportation Research Bureau to include a
20 provision that requires research conducted under the contract to
21 consider the transportation and mobility needs of New Jersey
22 residents with physical, sensory, intellectual, and developmental
23 disabilities.