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SYNOPSIS

Requires DOT to implement complete streets policy that considers persons with certain disabilities.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

Introduced Pending Technical Review by Legislative Counsel.



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1 AN ACT concerning the Department of Transportation's
2 implementation of a complete streets policy and supplementing
3 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 shall implement a
9 complete streets policy to plan, design, construct, maintain, and
10 operate new and rehabilitated public highways and public
11 transportation projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to
12 section 3 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3), to provide safe access for
13 all users, including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals
14 with mobility impairments, and persons diagnosed with autism
15 spectrum disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental
16 disabilities. The complete streets policy shall require the
17 consideration and implementation of design elements and
18 infrastructure improvement projects that promote the ability of
19 persons diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and persons with
20 intellectual and developmental disabilities to travel independently.

21 b. The department shall develop universal design concepts that
22 advance the mobility options for individuals with intellectual and
23 developmental disabilities, including and individuals diagnosed with
24 autism spectrum disorder, within the complete streets policy
25 established pursuant to subsection a. of this section. The
26 department shall develop guidance and policies for the means by
27 which the universal design concepts shall be incorporated into the
28 planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new
29 and rehabilitated public highways and public transportation
30 projects, as those terms are defined pursuant to section 3 of
31 P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-3).

32 c. The department shall encourage regional and local entities
33 that apply for funding through the local aid program, pursuant to
34 section 25 of P.L.1984, c.73 (C.27:1B-25), to adopt a complete
35 streets policy that complies with the provisions of this section.

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37 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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40 STATEMENT

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42 This bill requires the Department of Transportation (department) to
43 implement a complete streets policy to plan, design, construct,
44 maintain, and operate new and rehabilitated public highways and
45 public transportation projects to provide safe access for all users,
46 including bicyclists, pedestrians, transit riders, individuals with
47 mobility impairments, and persons diagnosed with autism spectrum
48 disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

1 The complete streets policy is to require the consideration and
2 implementation of design elements and infrastructure improvement
3 projects that promote the ability of persons diagnosed with autism
4 spectrum disorder and persons with intellectual and developmental
5 disabilities to travel independently.

6 The bill also requires the department, as part of the complete
7 streets policy, to develop universal design concepts that advance the
8 mobility options for persons with intellectual and developmental
9 disabilities and individuals diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder.

10 The department is to develop guidance and policies for the means by
11 which the universal design concepts are to be incorporated into the
12 planning, design, construction, maintenance, and operation of new and
13 rehabilitated public highways and public transportation projects.

14 The department is required to encourage regional and local entities
15 that apply for funding through the local aid program to adopt a
16 complete streets policy consistent with the bill.