

SENATE, No. 3985

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
220th LEGISLATURE

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SYNOPSIS

Requires NJT and county transit agencies to offer transit pass for individuals seeking access to One Stop Career Centers.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



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1 AN ACT requiring certain entities to offer transit passes to
2 individuals seeking to access One Stop Career Centers and
3 supplementing P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-1 et al.).
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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. As used in this section:

9 “County transit agency” means a transportation service
10 organized under or in conjunction with a county government,
11 including, but not limited to, any such transportation service to
12 provide trips to senior citizens and residents with disabilities under
13 the “Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation
14 Assistance Act,” P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

15 “County transit service” means motorbus regular route service
16 and rail passenger service, including light rail service, operated by
17 or under contract to a county transit agency.

18 “New Jersey Transit Corporation service” or “corporation
19 service” means motorbus regular route service and rail passenger
20 service, including light rail service, operated by or under contract to
21 the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

22 “One Stop Career Center” means the same as that term is defined
23 in section 3 of P.L.1992, c.43 (C.34:15D-3).

24 b. (1) Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the
25 contrary, the New Jersey Transit Corporation shall, upon
26 application by an individual, offer a one-time transit pass, which
27 shall provide up to three round-trips, free of charge, to any
28 individual seeking to access a One Stop Career Center using
29 corporation services.

30 (2) Within six months following the effective date of
31 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill),
32 the New Jersey Transit Corporation, in consultation with the
33 Department of Labor and Workforce Development, shall develop an
34 application process for an individual seeking a one-time transit pass
35 to access a One Stop Career Center. The application process shall,
36 at a minimum, require an individual seeking to obtain a one-time
37 transit pass, which shall provide up to three round-trips, free of
38 charge, to demonstrate the individual’s intention to access a One
39 Stop Career Center.

40 c. Notwithstanding any law, rule, or regulation to the contrary,
41 each county transit agency shall, upon application by an individual,
42 offer a one-time transit pass, which shall provide up to three round-
43 trips, free of charge, to any individual seeking to access a One Stop
44 Career Center using county transit services. To the extent
45 practicable, each county transit agency shall develop its application
46 based on the application developed by the New Jersey Transit
47 Corporation pursuant to paragraph (2) of subsection b. of
48 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill).

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1 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

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6 This bill requires the New Jersey Transit Corporation and county
7 transit agencies to offer a one-time transit pass to an individual
8 seeking to access a One Stop Career Center. Under the bill, an
9 individual could use the transit pass to receive up to three round-
10 trips, free of charge, from the New Jersey Transit Corporation or
11 county transit agency to access a One Stop Career Center.