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SYNOPSIS

Requires private bus operators to provide notice and hold public meetings for certain service changes.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As amended by the Senate on December 11, 2023.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 12/21/2023)

1 AN ACT concerning requirements for certain private bus operators
2 and supplementing Title 27 of the Revised Statutes.

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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. a. Each private entity that operates motorbus regular route
8 service, as that term is defined in section 3 of P.L.1979, c.150
9 (C.27:25-3), or portions or functions thereof, ¹**[and that also**
10 participates in the New Jersey Transit Corporation's bus lease
11 program, is a recipient of State funds, regardless of whether those
12 funds are received through the corporation or through another
13 instrumentality of the State or operates such service pursuant to a
14 contract with the corporation**]**¹ shall:

15 (1) provide at least four months written notice to the New Jersey
16 Motor Vehicle Commission and the New Jersey Transit Corporation
17 prior to the substantial curtailment, as that term is defined in section 8
18 of P.L.1979, c.150 (C.27:25-8), of such service;

19 (2) provide at least three months written notice to the service's
20 customers prior to the substantial curtailment of such service; and

21 (3) hold at least one public meeting in the affected area, as close as
22 possible to the highest trafficked stop on the route, within 15 days after
23 providing notice to the service's customers pursuant to paragraph (2)
24 of this subsection. Prior to holding the public meeting, the private
25 entity shall provide written notice of the public meeting to the New
26 Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, the New Jersey Transit
27 Corporation, as well as the State legislators representing any
28 legislative district, the mayor and governing body of any municipality,
29 and the board of county commissioners of any county that will be
30 affected by the substantial curtailment of such service.

31 b. A private entity that is determined to be in violation of
32 subsection a. of this section shall be subject to a civil penalty not to
33 exceed \$10,000 for each violation, in addition to any penalties that
34 may be available pursuant to law.

35 c. The New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission shall adopt rules
36 and regulations to implement the provisions of this section and shall
37 take any action necessary to ensure that private entities are in
38 compliance with the provisions of subsection a. of this section.

39 d. Nothing contained in this section shall be construed to prohibit
40 the New Jersey Transit Corporation or any other instrumentality of the
41 State ¹that provides funds or compensation to a private entity¹ from
42 conditioning participation in any program, receipt of funds, or entry

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 floor amendments adopted December 11, 2023.

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1 into a contractual agreement on ¹adherence to the¹ notice and public
2 meeting requirements ¹**【that are more onerous than the requirements】**¹
3 provided in this section.

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5 2. This act shall take effect immediately.