

P.L. 2026, CHAPTER 70, *approved August 6, 2026*
Assembly, No. 4761 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning on-demand micro transit service funding and
2 amending P.L.1983, c.578.

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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 3 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-27) is amended to read
8 as follows:

9 3. As used in **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.):

10 **[a.]** “Accessible” means a service that can be used by all
11 individuals, including those who cannot negotiate steps or who can
12 negotiate steps with great difficulty.

13 “Board” means the Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit
14 Corporation.

15 “Corporation” means the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

16 **[b.]** “Board” means Board of Directors of the New Jersey Transit
17 Corporation.

18 **c.]** ¹“Disabled resident” means any individual who, by reason of
19 illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or
20 temporary incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities
21 or special planning on design to utilize mass transportation facilities
22 and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.]¹

23 “Eligible counties” means counties submitting a proposal meeting
24 the program guidelines.

25 **[d.]** “Geographic region” means one of the following regions of
26 the State: the southern region encompassing the counties of Atlantic,
27 Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem;
28 the central region encompassing the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer,
29 Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean ¹,¹ and Somerset; and the northern
30 region encompassing those counties remaining in the State.

31 “New Jersey Special Services Citizen Advisory Committee” means
32 a committee representing advocacy groups from senior citizens and
33 **[the]** ¹disabled residents ¹people with disabilities ¹ and other
34 interested parties appointed by the ¹President and Chief ¹ Executive
35 ¹**[Director]** ¹Officer ¹ of ¹the ¹ New Jersey Transit ¹Corporation ¹.

36 **[e.]** “Accessible” means a service that can be used by all
37 individuals including those who cannot negotiate steps or who can
38 negotiate steps with great difficulty.

39 **f.** “Disabled” means any individual who, by reason of illness,
40 injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or temporary

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 June 1, 2026.

1 incapacity or disability, is unable without special facilities or special
 2 planning on design to utilize mass transportation facilities and services
 3 as effectively as persons who are not so affected.

4 g. “Geographic region” means one of the following regions of the
 5 State: the southern region encompassing the counties of Atlantic,
 6 Burlington, Camden, Cape May, Cumberland, Gloucester, and Salem;
 7 the central region encompassing the counties of Hunterdon, Mercer,
 8 Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean and Somerset; and the northern region
 9 encompassing those counties remaining in the State.】

10 “On-demand micro transit” means ¹【publicly-available,
 11 technology-enabled,】¹ shared ¹public¹ transportation ¹services¹
 12 provided by means of a motor vehicle to individuals selecting a pick-
 13 up and drop-off location by telephone or through a ¹【mobile】
 14 software¹ application, and which transportation is provided at a time
 15 selected by the individual or as soon as possible after the individual
 16 selects pick-up and drop-off locations for such transportation.

17 ¹“People with disabilities” means individuals who, by reason of
 18 illness, injury, age, congenital malfunction, or other permanent or
 19 temporary incapacity or disability, are unable without special facilities
 20 or special planning on design to utilize mass transportation facilities
 21 and services as effectively as persons who are not so affected.

22 “Software application” means technology that enables a county to
 23 provide on-demand micro transit service. “Software application” shall
 24 not include a digital network as that term is defined in section 2 of
 25 P.L.2017, c.26 (C.39:5H-2).¹

26 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.3)

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 28 2. Section 2 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-26) is amended to read
 29 as follows:

30 2. The Legislature finds and declares that many senior citizens
 31 and ¹【disabled residents】 people with disabilities¹ in the State require
 32 assistance in meeting their need for available and accessible
 33 transportation so that they may obtain the necessities of life, including,
 34 but not limited to, employment, post-secondary education, social and
 35 recreational activities, shopping and medical service; and that the
 36 voters of this State recognized the need for such assistance when, in
 37 1981, they approved an amendment 【of】 to the State Constitution
 38 【which provides】 providing that State revenues derived from the
 39 taxation of gambling establishments in Atlantic City may be used, in
 40 addition to the purposes for which they were originally dedicated, for
 41 additional or expanded transportation services or benefits to senior
 42 citizens and 【the】 ¹【disabled residents】 people with disabilities¹.

43 The Legislature further finds and declares that it is appropriate that
 44 the New Jersey Transit Corporation, in conjunction with its advisory
 45 bodies, representatives or associations of counties, and other interested
 46 parties, develop a plan for transportation assistance to senior citizens
 47 and 【the】 ¹【disabled residents】 people with disabilities¹; that the

1 instrumentalities of local government, particularly the counties of this
2 State, should play a major role in facilitating the provision of that
3 transportation assistance; and that the New Jersey Transit Corporation
4 in conjunction with the New Jersey Department of Transportation's
5 Office of Coordination, as well as the counties, should coordinate the
6 assistance with existing transportation services, including, but not
7 limited to, those services funded by any other State agency, at the local
8 level and coordinate inter-county transportation services.

9 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.2)

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11 3. Section 4 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28) is amended to read
12 as follows:

13 4. a. The board shall establish and administer a program to be
14 known as "The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation
15 Assistance Program" for the following purposes:

16 (1) **【To】** to assist counties to develop and provide accessible
17 feeder transportation service to accessible fixed-route transportation
18 services where such services are available, including, but not limited
19 to, on-demand micro transit service, and accessible local transit service
20 to senior citizens and **【the】** ¹**【disabled residents】** people with
21 disabilities¹, which services may include, but shall not be limited to,
22 door-to-door service, fixed route service, local fare subsidy, on-
23 demand micro transit service, and user-side subsidy, which may
24 include, but not be limited to, private ride or taxi fare subsidy; and to
25 coordinate the activities of the various participants in this program in
26 providing the services to be rendered at the county level and between
27 counties; and

28 (2) **【To】** to enable the corporation to develop, provide, and
29 maintain capital improvements that afford accessibility to fixed route
30 and other transit services in order to make rail cars, rail stations, bus
31 shelters, and other bus equipment accessible to senior citizens and
32 **【the】** ¹**【disabled residents】** people with disabilities¹; to render
33 technical information and assistance to counties eligible for assistance
34 under **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.); and to
35 coordinate the program within and among counties.

36 b. In the State fiscal year beginning July 1 following the effective
37 date of P.L.2009, c.261, and in each fiscal year thereafter, there shall
38 be appropriated to the corporation from the revenues deposited in the
39 Casino Revenue Fund, established pursuant to section 145 of
40 P.L.1977, c.110 (C.5:12-145), a sum equal to 8.5 percent of the
41 revenues deposited in the fund during the preceding fiscal year, as
42 determined by the State Treasurer, to effectuate the purposes and
43 provisions of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

44 Notwithstanding the provisions of any other law, rule, or
45 regulation to the contrary, for **【the】** State Fiscal Years 2022, 2023, and
46 2024, appropriations to the corporation from the revenues deposited in
47 the Casino Revenue Fund or the Property Tax Relief Fund, as

1 appropriate, shall be given priority to ensure that the corporation
2 receives an amount equal to 8.5 percent of the sum of the revenues
3 deposited in the Casino Revenue Fund during the preceding fiscal
4 year, adding back any reductions in revenues during the preceding
5 fiscal year that directly resulted from the temporary credit allowable
6 under section 1 of P.L.2021, c.314 or the temporary deduction
7 allowable under section 3 of the P.L.2021, c.314, as determined by the
8 State Treasurer, to effectuate the purposes and provisions of P.L.1983,
9 c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).
10 (cf: P.L.2021, c.314, s.6)
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12 4. Section 5 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-29) is amended to read
13 as follows:

14 5. The corporation, in conjunction with the New Jersey Transit
15 Special Services Citizen Advisory Committee, appropriate advisory
16 committees of the corporation and with representatives or associations
17 of counties in this State and other interested parties, as determined by
18 the board, shall develop program guidelines to implement the program.
19 The guidelines shall set implementation criteria and shall be adopted
20 by the board at a public meeting. Commencing on the first
21 anniversary of the effective date of **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578
22 (C.27:25-25 et seq.), the corporation shall annually conduct at least
23 one public hearing in each geographic region in order to gather
24 information from interested parties as to the efficacy of the program.
25 The corporation shall submit an annual report to the Legislature by
26 October 1 of each year covering the period of the previous State fiscal
27 year. The report shall cover the status of this program including any
28 recommendations concerning the general improvement of mass transit
29 for **[the]** senior citizens and **[the]** ¹**[disabled residents]** people with
30 disabilities¹.

31 ¹The guidelines shall specify that any driver providing on-demand
32 micro transit service through an on-demand micro transit program that
33 receives funding through “The Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident
34 Transportation Assistance Program,” established pursuant to section 4
35 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28), and is operated by a county, whether
36 directly or indirectly through contract or subcontract, is required to
37 receive a federal Internal Revenue Service W-2 form.¹

38 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.5)
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40 5. Section 7 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-31) is amended to read
41 as follows:

42 7. a. **[Moneys]** Monies under this program shall be allocated by
43 the corporation in the following manner:

44 (1) 85 **[%]** percent shall be available to be allocated to eligible
45 counties for the purposes specified under paragraph (1) of subsection
46 a. of section 4 of **[this act.]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28); and

(2) 15 **[%]** percent shall be available for use by the corporation for the purposes specified under paragraph (2) of subsection a. of section 4 of **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28) and for the general administration of the program, but no more than 10 **[%]** percent of the total **[moneys]** monies allocated under this program shall be used for the general administration of the program.

b. The amount of money **[which]** that each eligible county may receive shall be based upon the number of persons resident in that county of 60 years of age or older expressed as a percentage of the whole number of persons resident in this State of 60 years or older, as provided by the U.S. **[Bureau of the]** Census Bureau. As similar data become available for **^****[the disabled resident population]** people with disabilities¹, such data shall be used in conjunction with the senior citizen data to determine the county allocation formula. No eligible county shall receive less than **[\$150,000.00]** \$150,000 during a fiscal year under this program **[, except that during]**. However, during the first fiscal year₂ no county shall receive less than **[\$50,000.00]** \$50,000 nor more than **[\$150,000.00]** \$150,000.

c. The governing body of an eligible county, or a group or groups designated as an applicant or as applicants by the county after a public hearing in which senior citizens and **[the]** **^****[disabled residents]** people with disabilities¹ shall have the opportunity to comment on the appropriateness of such designation, may **[make application]** apply to the board for **[moneys]** monies available under subsection b. of this section. The application shall be in the form of a proposal to the board for transportation assistance and shall specify the degree to which the proposal meets the purposes of the program under paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 4 of **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28) and the implementation criteria under the program guidelines and the proposal shall have been considered at a public hearing. The board shall allocate **[moneys]** monies based upon a review of the merits of the proposals in meeting the purposes of the program, and the implementation criteria, under the program guidelines. The governing body of an eligible county shall schedule a public hearing annually for interested parties to provide the governing body with any facts, materials, or recommendations that would be of assistance regarding the efficacy of the program established under paragraph (1) of subsection a. of section 4 of **[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-28).
(cf: P.L.2009, c.261, s.2)

6. Section 8 of P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-32) is amended to read as follows:

8. a. The board shall promulgate, in accordance with the “Administrative Procedure Act,” P.L.1968, c. 410 (C. 54:14B-1 et seq.), **[such]** rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate the purposes of **^****[this act]** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.)¹.

1 b. The corporation shall be entitled to call upon the assistance, or
2 contract for services, of any State department, board, bureau,
3 commission ¹,¹ or agency as may be necessary to implement the
4 provisions of **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.).

5 c. Notice of any public hearing required to be held pursuant to
6 **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.578 (C.27:25-25 et seq.) shall be published at
7 least 30 days prior to the date in at least two newspapers circulating in
8 the specific geographic area in which the meeting is to be held. Notice
9 of any hearing shall also be transmitted, at least 30 days in advance
10 thereof, to every municipal clerk within the specified geographic area
11 where the meeting will be held.

12 d. All public hearings held pursuant to **【this act】** P.L.1983, c.578
13 (C.27:25-25 et seq.) shall be held at locations **【which】** that are
14 accessible to senior citizens and **【the】** ¹**【disabled residents】** people
15 with disabilities¹.

16 (cf: P.L.1983, c.578, s.8)

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18 7. This act shall take effect immediately.
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23 Authorizes funding for on-demand micro transit service under
24 Senior Citizen and Disabled Resident Transportation Assistance
25 Program.