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§5
Note

P.L. 2021, CHAPTER 361, *approved January, 10, 2022*
Assembly, No. 5341 (*First Reprint*)

1 AN ACT concerning the publication and availability of certain
2 transportation information and supplementing Title 26 of the
3 Revised Statutes.

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6 of New Jersey:

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10 national abbreviated dialing code for free access to health and
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13 of date with regards to information relating to current available
14 modes of public transit, that mainly directs people with disabilities
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16 routine travel;

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18 pertinent transportation information, especially information
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20 agencies that cater to the transportation needs of persons with
21 disabilities; and

22 d. The Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system needs to be updated to
23 include all current modes of public transit available in New Jersey,
24 as well as updated to provide information on how to access and use
25 the various services.

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27 2. The New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of
28 Human Services shall partner with the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone
29 system and shall be responsible for providing the appropriate
30 information to the system so that all relevant public transit
31 providers and information are included and available. The
32 Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system, in conjunction with the

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 March 15, 2021.

1 corporation and the department, shall review, revise, and maintain
2 information concerning the current modes of available public
3 transit, information on accessing various modes of public transit,
4 and information on how to use the services. Information shall be
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8 concerning available paratransit services and private and volunteer
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11 3. The information collected and maintained by the New Jersey
12 Transit Corporation, the Department of Human Services, and the
13 Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system shall include: a listing of all current
14 modes of public transit available in New Jersey; a detailed description
15 of any and all prequalification or eligibility requirements necessary
16 before use of the public transit mode may commence; information on
17 how each New Jersey citizen may access all current and available
18 modes of public transit; and information on how to use the services
19 along with each public transit ¹~~providers~~ provider's¹ contact
20 information.

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22 4. The information described in section 3 of
23 P.L. , c. (C.) (pending before the Legislature as this bill)
24 shall be:

25 a. prominently displayed on the websites of both the New
26 Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human Services;

27 b. made available to the public through the Statewide 2-1-1
28 telephone system; and

29 c. made available using any other means that the Executive
30 Director of the ¹~~corporation~~ New Jersey Transit Corporation¹ or
31 the Commissioner of Human Services deems appropriate.

32 In addition, to the extent practicable, the Statewide 2-1-1
33 telephone system, the corporation, and the department shall
34 disseminate information concerning public transit availability and
35 resources using social media and any other means deemed
36 appropriate to reach as many individuals and population groups in
37 the State as possible.

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39 5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month
40 after enactment.

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45 Updates 2-1-1 telephone system information to include all
46 current modes of public transit and information on access and
47 usage.

CHAPTER 361

AN ACT concerning the publication and availability of certain transportation information and supplementing Title 26 of the Revised Statutes.

BE IT ENACTED *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State of New Jersey:*

C.26:17-1 Findings and declarations.

1. The Legislature finds and declares that:
 - a. The New Jersey Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system is the national abbreviated dialing code for free access to health and human services information and referral;
 - b. New Jersey's current Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system is out of date with regards to information relating to current available modes of public transit, that mainly directs people with disabilities to use private transit services that are expensive and not feasible for routine travel;
 - c. New Jersey's Statewide 2-1-1 system should include all pertinent transportation information, especially information pertaining to Access Link, county paratransit, voluntary drivers, or agencies that cater to the transportation needs of persons with disabilities; and
 - d. The Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system needs to be updated to include all current modes of public transit available in New Jersey, as well as updated to provide information on how to access and use the various services.

C.26:17-2 Department and corporation responsibilities.

2. The New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human Services shall partner with the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system and shall be responsible for providing the appropriate information to the system so that all relevant public transit providers and information are included and available. The Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system, in conjunction with the corporation and the department, shall review, revise, and maintain information concerning the current modes of available public transit, information on accessing various modes of public transit, and information on how to use the services. Information shall be collected on all transportation services, including fixed route transportation services, and transportation network company and taxi services, with particular attention to be paid to information concerning available paratransit services and private and volunteer services.

C.26:17-3 Information collection and maintenance.

3. The information collected and maintained by the New Jersey Transit Corporation, the Department of Human Services, and the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system shall include: a listing of all current modes of public transit available in New Jersey; a detailed description of any and all prequalification or eligibility requirements necessary before use of the public transit mode may commence; information on how each New Jersey citizen may access all current and available modes of public transit; and information on how to use the services along with each public transit provider's contact information.

C.26:17-4 Dissemination of information.

4. The information described in section 3 of P.L.2021, c.361 (C.26:17-3) shall be:
 - a. prominently displayed on the websites of both the New Jersey Transit Corporation and the Department of Human Services;
 - b. made available to the public through the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system; and
 - c. made available using any other means that the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation or the Commissioner of Human Services deems appropriate.

In addition, to the extent practicable, the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system, the corporation, and the department shall disseminate information concerning public transit availability and resources using social media and any other means deemed appropriate to reach as many individuals and population groups in the State as possible.

5. This act shall take effect on the first day of the third month after enactment.

Approved January, 10, 2022.

ASSEMBLY, No. 5341

STATE OF NEW JERSEY 219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED JANUARY 27, 2021

Sponsored by:

Assemblywoman YVONNE LOPEZ

District 19 (Middlesex)

Assemblyman ERIC HOUGHTALING

District 11 (Monmouth)

Assemblyman DANIEL R. BENSON

District 14 (Mercer and Middlesex)

Co-Sponsored by:

Assemblywomen McKnight and Vainieri Huttie

SYNOPSIS

Updates 2-1-1 telephone system information to include all current modes of public transit and information on access and usage.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As introduced.



(Sponsorship Updated As Of: 2/23/2021)

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22 d. The Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system needs to be updated to
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24 as well as updated to provide information on how to access and use
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48 requirements necessary before use of the public transit mode may

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STATEMENT

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33 available public transit, information on accessing various modes of
34 public transit, and information on how to use the services.

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36 (NJT) and the Department of Human Services (DHS), the Statewide
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43 transit providers are included.

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6 websites of both NJT and DHS, as well as made available to the
7 public through the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system.

ASSEMBLY TRANSPORTATION AND INDEPENDENT
AUTHORITIES COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO
ASSEMBLY, No. 5341

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: MARCH 15, 2021

The Assembly Transportation and Independent Authorities Committee reports favorably and with committee amendments Assembly Bill No. 5341.

As amended and reported, this bill outlines concerns surrounding the available information provided by the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system regarding current modes of public transportation available in the State. The bill is aimed at updating the information to include all current modes of available public transit, information on accessing various modes of public transit, and information on how to use the services.

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COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS

The committee amendments make a grammatical correction to the bill and clarify a reference in the bill to the Executive Director of the New Jersey Transit Corporation.

SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

[First Reprint]

ASSEMBLY, No. 5341

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: NOVEMBER 8, 2021

The Senate Transportation Committee reports favorably Assembly Bill No. 5341(1R).

As reported, this bill requires the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system, in conjunction with the New Jersey Transit Corporation (NJT) and the Department of Human Services (DHS), to review, revise, and maintain information concerning the current modes of available public transit, information on accessing various modes of public transit, and information on how to use the services. Under the bill, NJT and DHS are responsible for providing appropriate and up-to-date information to the Statewide 2-1-1 telephone system so that all relevant public transit providers are included.

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As reported, Assembly Bill No. A5341(1R) is identical to Senate Bill No. 3438, which was amended and reported by the committee on this date.

SENATE, No. 3438

STATE OF NEW JERSEY
219th LEGISLATURE

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 11, 2021

Sponsored by:

Senator PATRICK J. DIEGNAN, JR.

District 18 (Middlesex)

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SENATE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 3438

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

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