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ASSEMBLY, No. 3119

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

INTRODUCED FEBRUARY 17, 1977

By Assemblymen DORSEY, BARRY, FORAN, WEIDEL and
D. GALLO

Referred by Committee on Transportation and Communications

AN ACT to amend the title of "An act authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into agreements to provide funds to maintain or increase public transportation service under certain circumstances," approved July 30, 1974 (P. L. 1974, c. 73), so that the same shall read "An act authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into agreements to provide funds to maintain or increase transportation service under certain circumstances," and to amend the body of said act.

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

1 1. The title of P. L. 1974, c. 73 is amended to read as follows:
2 An act authorizing counties and municipalities to enter into agree-
3 ments to provide funds to maintain or increase **[public]** trans-
4 portation service under certain circumstances.

1 2. Section 1 of P. L. 1974, c. 73 (C. 40:9C-1) is amended to read
2 as follows:

3 1. The board of chosen freeholders of any county and the govern-
4 ing body of any municipality within the county, may enter into an
5 agreement for the purpose of providing funds to maintain or
6 increase public transportation service for mass transit purposes, *or*
7 *for the purpose of providing funds to maintain railroad freight line*
8 *services*, on established or expanded routes within the county or
9 municipality. No such agreement may be entered into unless the
10 State of New Jersey, acting by and through the Department of
11 Transportation, Commuter Operating Agency, *or other appro-*
12 *priate agency*, shall have agreed with the transportation company
13 *or railroad* providing service, or with the county, for payments
14 subsidizing such transportation *or railroad freight line* service in
15 accordance with the provisions of this act. It shall be lawful for

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill
is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

16 the board of chosen freeholders and for the governing body of a
17 municipality to appropriate and raise funds annually for the
18 aforesaid purposes in the same manner as appropriations are
19 made for other county or municipal purposes.

1 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

STATEMENT

The purpose of this bill is to permit counties and municipalities to make annual appropriations not only for public mass transportation services, but also for railroad freight services on established or expanded routes within the county or municipality.

The major Federal reorganization of railroad service in the United States and the creation of the new "Conrail" company have left it to the direction of individual States and their political subdivisions to determine which railroad lines not included in the "Conrail" plan ought to be continued with State, county or municipal subsidy. This legislation would permit counties and municipalities in New Jersey, with the agreement of the Department of Transportation, to appropriate funds to subsidize the operations of those railroad freight lines deemed to serve the public interest.

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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

FEBRUARY 23, 1978

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

KATHY FORSYTH -- ANNE BURNS

Governor Brendan Byrne today signed into law the
following¹⁹⁷⁷ bill:

A-3119, sponsored by Senator John Dorsey, R-Morris, which permits counties and municipalities to make annual appropriations not only for public mass transportation services, but also for railroad freight services on established or expanded routes within the county or municipality.

The legislation will permit counties and municipalities in New Jersey with the agreement of the Department of Transportation, to appropriate funds to subsidize the operations of those railroad freight lines deemed to serve the public interest.

The bill will allow Morris County and several municipalities to provide aid to the High Bridge freight line.

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