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A RESOLUTION

Establishing a legislative task force on public transportation efficacy and directing the Joint State Government Commission to study the impact of this Commonwealth's current delivery of services to individuals with disabilities and to report its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives.

WHEREAS, This Commonwealth is the fifth most populous state in the United States with diverse demographics and ever-changing public transportation needs; and

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RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives establish a legislative task force on public transportation services provided to individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that That the task force be comprised of four members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, two members recommended by the Majority Leader of the House of Representatives and two members recommended by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the Joint State Government Commission to assist the task force and conduct a statewide public transportation study on the impact of this Commonwealth's current needs and system capacity for providing opportunities for individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission, as part of its study, establish an advisory committee consisting of the following members:

- (1) A representative recommended by the Department of Human Services, Office of Developmental Programs.
- (2) A representative recommended by the Department of

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Labor and Industry, Office of Vocational Rehabilitation.

(3) A representative or self-advocate for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

(4) A representative or self-advocate for individuals with physical disabilities.

(5) A representative from Pennsylvania's Medical Assistance Transportation Program.

(6) A representative of an organization that offers community participation supports.

(7) A representative from the Department of Transportation, Bureau of Public Transportation.

(8) A representative recommended by the Department of Aging, Transportation Division.

(9) A representative from the Pennsylvania Public Transportation Association.

(10) A representative from a transportation authority serving a county of the first class (SEPTA).

(11) A representative from a transportation authority serving a county of the second class (Pittsburgh Regional Transit).

(12) A representative from a transportation authority serving a county of the second A, third, or fourth class.

(13) A representative from a transportation authority serving a county of the fifth, sixth, seventh, or eighth class.

(14) A representative from the County Commissioners Association of Pennsylvania.

(15) A representative from a transportation network company.

(16) A representative from a taxicab or limousine company.

(17) A representative from a labor union representing transit and allied workers in the Commonwealth.

(18) A representative from the Center for Rural PA.

(19) A lawyer with legal expertise in disability law and accessible transportation.

(20) Any other representatives from other organizations that are deemed appropriate by the Joint State Government Commission; and be it further

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RESOLVED, That the study examine the impact of this Commonwealth's current delivery system of public transportation and transportation network companies on a statewide level to individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study identify barriers prohibiting or limiting the coordination and accessibility of transportation services to individuals with disabilities across county lines and geographic regions, and be it further

RESOVLED, That the study examines the availability of non-emergency Medicaid transportation, geographic location challenges & any unique concerns based on regional issues, and ways to improve real-time transit technology to inform passengers of delays or cancellations, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study examine the efficiency, uniformity and best practices of the administration of public transportation services at the county and stateside levels; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study determine what existing funding sources, including federal, state or local government grants, could be leveraged to improve transportation access for individuals with disabilities, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission study how current Federal and State laws and regulations impact and limit public transportation supports and services and programs for individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study examine the collaborations between the Department of Transportation, the Department of Labor & Industry, the Department of Human Services, the Department of Aging, managed care organizations and providers, and how transportation systems collaborate to serve individuals with disabilities; and be it further

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RESOLVED, that the study look at policies and practices of transportation authorities regarding public transportation services for individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the study include input from individuals with disabilities and their relatives regarding their experiences with public transportation, including any barriers and obstacles they have faced, as well as its impact on accessing healthcare, employment, and community inclusion; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission study this Commonwealth's current public transportation needs, including capacity to adequately serve individuals with disabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study examine all available public transportation services and programs county wide and statewide, including barriers and obstacles in transportation for individuals living in the home or receiving community-based services for jobs, medical appointments and peer-to-peer groups; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study examine the legal requirements for available transportation options for individuals with disabilities, and whether counties and public and private organizations are in compliance with ADA requirements and other federal & state laws regarding the accessibility of transportation services, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission examine transportation providers who have ceased or limited operations since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission solicit input from representatives and advocates from all

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aspects of the transportation sector to assist the Joint State Government Commission with its findings and recommendations in the report; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the study include legislative recommendations as appropriate to the General Assembly, and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Joint State Government Commission issue a report with its findings and recommendations no later than 18 months after the adoption of this resolution to all of the following:

- (1) The chair and minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the Senate.
- (2) The chair and minority chair of the Transportation Committee of the House of Representatives.
- (3) The chair and minority chair of the Human Services Committee of the Senate.
- (4) The chair and minority chair of the Human Services Committee of the House.