



State of Tennessee
PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 198

SENATE BILL NO. 523

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 549

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and Title 54, relative to transportation services.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 3, Part 23, is amended by adding the following language as a new section:

4-3-2309.

(a) For purposes of this section, "transportation services" means public transportation services and transportation services for populations needing specialized assistance.

(b)(1) There is hereby created a special committee, to be known as "the coordination committee," to study the improvement of the methods of delivery and coordination of transportation services by state departments and agencies, as well as transportation provided by local government and non-profit agencies that are funded by state departments and agencies; the effectiveness of existing services and the need for new types of services; improvements in the effective use of existing funding by state departments and agencies to maximize financial efficiency; reduction of barriers to the effective funding of transportation services; identification of new sources of transportation funding; and improvement of universal mobility for Tennessee citizens and visitors.

(2) The coordination committee shall consist of the following persons and organizations:

(A) One (1) member of the Senate Transportation Committee and one (1) other member of the Senate, each to be selected by the Speaker of the Senate;

(B) One (1) member of the House Transportation Committee and one (1) other member of the House of Representatives, each to be selected by the Speaker of the House;

(C) Two (2) representatives of the Department of Transportation;

(D) One (1) representative of the Department of Human Services;

(E) One (1) representative of the Department of Children's Services;

(F) One (1) representative of the Department of Finance and Administration;

(G) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Department of Veterans Affairs;

(H) One (1) representative of the Bureau of TennCare;

(I) One (1) representative of the Commission on Aging and Disability;

(J) One (1) representative of the Tennessee Public Transportation Association; and

(K) A representative from each department or state agency as deemed necessary by the Department of Transportation.

(3) The lead agency for supporting and staffing the coordination committee shall be the Department of Transportation.

(4) All appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the coordination committee upon request.

(5) All legislative members of the coordination committee who are duly elected members of the general assembly shall remain members of such committee until the committee reports its findings and recommendations to the general assembly. Non-legislative members shall serve without compensation.

(6) The coordination committee shall only meet on days when the House of Representatives and the Senate are otherwise meeting in session or committee.

(c) Departmental representatives on the coordination committee shall represent such department's policy and operational levels. The coordination committee's purpose shall be to regularly coordinate the efforts of each agency as follows:

(1) Improve transportation coordination;

(2) Improve methods of delivery of passenger transportation;

(3) Improve effectiveness of service and improve overall financial efficiency;

(4) Improve universal mobility for Tennessee citizens and visitors; and

(5) Identify opportunities and barriers, and recommend solutions to improve transportation coordination.

(d) The coordination committee shall promote public education about the availability and use of transportation services in this state and provide such information to all departments in state government and to the general public.

(e) The coordination committee is directed to create a strategic transportation coordination plan that will guide its work for the next five (5) years. Such plan shall be updated every five (5) years.

(f) The Department of Transportation shall present an executive summary for the coordination committee to the Transportation Committees of the Senate and House of Representatives annually.

(g) It is the intent of the general assembly that all departments of state government effectuate the provisions of this act using existing resources.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 11, 2011



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



BETH HARWELL, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 17th day of May 2011



BILL HASLAM, GOVERNOR