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An Act to Strengthen Coordination of Community Transportation

Reference to the Committee on Transportation suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "D M Grant", is positioned above the printed name of the Secretary of the Senate.

DAREK M. GRANT
Secretary of the Senate

Presented by Senator TIPPING of Penobscot.
Cosponsored by Representative GRIFFIN of Levant and
Senators: BALDACCI of Penobscot, BENNETT of Oxford, MOORE of Washington,
Representatives: MATLACK of St. George, MCINTYRE of Lowell, ROEDER of Bangor,
SHAGOURY of Hallowell, STOVER of Boothbay.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:

Sec. 1. 5 MRSA §12004-L, sub-§14 is enacted to read:

14.

Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management

Not
Authorized

23 MRSA §4271

Sec. 2. 23 MRSA c. 410-B is enacted to read:

CHAPTER 410-B

MAINE COORDINATING COUNCIL ON ACCESS AND MOBILITY
MANAGEMENT

§4271. Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management

The Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management, established in Title 5, section 12004-L, subsection 14, is established to issue policy recommendations and undertake activities that improve the efficiency, accessibility and availability of transportation for transportation-disadvantaged populations and shall serve as an advisory council to the Department of Transportation and the Maine Office of Community Affairs established in Title 5, section 3202.

1. Definitions. As used in this chapter, unless the context otherwise indicates, the following terms have the following meanings.

A. "Council" means the Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management under this section.

B. "Mobility management" means management that focuses on meeting individuals' needs through a wide range of transportation options and service providers and on coordinating these services and providers to achieve a more efficient transportation service delivery system.

C. "Mobility management hub" means a transportation hub that allows individuals to access multiple modes of transportation in one location and is designed to be welcoming and accessible to individuals of all mobility abilities.

D. "Transportation-disadvantaged populations" means populations of individuals who because of physical or mental disability, income status or age are unable to transport themselves or purchase transportation and as a result are dependent upon others to obtain access to health care, employment, education, shopping, social activities or other life-sustaining activities.

2. Council membership. The council consists of 6 members as follows:

A. The Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee;

B. The Commissioner of Health and Human Services or the commissioner's designee:

C. The Commissioner of Education or the commissioner's designee;

D. The Commissioner of Labor or the commissioner's designee;

E. The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or the commissioner's designee; and

F. The executive director of the Maine Turnpike Authority.

3. Council chair and vice-chair; staffing. The council shall annually elect a chair and vice-chair from among its members, each of whom serves a term of one year. The Department of Transportation shall staff and convene meetings of the council.

4. Council duties. The council shall:

A. Build interagency coordination between the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Human Services, the Department of Education, the Department of Labor, the Department of Economic and Community Development and other state agencies to increase efficiency and coordination of transportation funding in the State;

B. Establish a mobility management approach among the state agencies under paragraph A to increase efficiency, accessibility and sustainability of transportation statewide and in regions across the State:

C. Establish mobility management hubs in 8 regions across the State to make more efficient use of resources and leverage federal funds for public and community transportation;

D. Use federal guidance to remove barriers to cost sharing in the State; and

E. Establish a timeline and a staffing and work plan for transportation coordination activities between the Department of Transportation and the Department of Health and Human Services and other state agencies.

Sec. 3. Coordinator of mobility management. The Commissioner of Transportation shall appoint a state coordinator of mobility management located within the Department of Transportation and the Maine Office of Community Affairs to support the establishment of mobility management hubs in regions across the State and to serve as a liaison to state agencies to support and advise on transportation access efforts.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes the Maine Coordinating Council on Access and Mobility Management to issue policy recommendations and undertake activities that improve the efficiency, accessibility and availability of transportation for transportation-disadvantaged populations.