

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 875

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A RESOLUTION to create a study committee concerning the coordination of interagency transportation.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee departments of human services, children's services and finance and administration, and other state departments and agencies work to assist as many Tennessee citizens as possible by making available transportation to support services provided to certain citizens by these departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, these departments and agencies would be best able to serve citizens by regularly collaborating to improve the overall provision and coordination of transportation services statewide; and

WHEREAS, available funding should be utilized to the maximum extent possible without duplication of services, and new sources of funding may be accessed and existing funding sources may be able to be utilized more effectively through the collaborative effort of these departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, these departments and agencies should attempt to promote public education about the availability and use of transportation services in Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that there is hereby created a special 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special study 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all appropriate state agencies shall provide assistance to the special committee upon request of the chair.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all legislative members of the special 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall only meet on days when the house of representatives and the senate are otherwise meeting in session or committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall be convened by the member appointed from the house transportation committee, and, at its first meeting, the committee shall elect a chair, vice-chair and such other officers as the committee deems necessary for the conduct of the study.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the special committee shall timely report its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation and funding needs for the provision and coordination of transportation services, to the chairs of the house and senate transportation committees of the One Hundred Seventh General Assembly no later than February 1, 2011, at which time the special study committee shall cease to exist.