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**LEGISLATIVE BILL 796**

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Committee: Transportation and Telecommunications

- 1 A BILL FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Public Transportation Act; to
- 2 amend section 13-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska; to
- 3 change provisions relating to the powers, duties, and
- 4 responsibilities of the Department of Transportation; and to repeal
- 5 the original section.
- 6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 13-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, is  
2 amended to read:

3 13-1205 The department shall have the following powers, duties, and  
4 responsibilities:

5 (1) To collect and maintain data on the level of public  
6 transportation services and needs in the state and identify areas not  
7 being adequately served by existing public or private transportation  
8 services;

9 (2) To assess the regional and statewide effect of changes,  
10 improvement, and route abandonments in the state's public transportation  
11 system;

12 (3) To develop a six-year statewide transit plan and programs for  
13 public transportation in coordination with local plans and programs  
14 developed by municipalities, counties, transit authorities, and regional  
15 metropolitan transit authorities;

16 (4) To provide planning and technical assistance to agencies of the  
17 state, political subdivisions, or groups seeking to improve public  
18 transportation;

19 (5) To advise, consult, and cooperate with agencies of the state,  
20 the federal government, and other states, interstate agencies, political  
21 subdivisions, and groups concerned with public transportation;

22 (6) To cooperate with the Public Service Commission by providing  
23 periodic assessments to the commission when determining the effect of  
24 proposed regulatory decisions on public transportation;

25 (7) To administer federal and state programs providing financial  
26 assistance to public transportation, except those federal and state  
27 programs in which a municipality, county, transit authority, regional  
28 metropolitan transit authority, or other state agency is designated as  
29 the administrator;~~and~~

30 (8) To develop and administer a safety oversight program to oversee  
31 rail transit systems operated by the state, an interstate agency, or any

1 political subdivision; and

2       (9) ~~(8)~~ To exercise all other powers necessary and proper for the  
3 discharge of its duties, including the adoption and promulgation of  
4 reasonable rules and regulations to carry out the Nebraska Public  
5 Transportation Act.

6       Sec. 2. Original section 13-1205, Reissue Revised Statutes of  
7 Nebraska, is repealed.