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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 4279

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 4279, AS AMENDED,
3 with reference to page and line numbers of House Amendment No.
4 1, on page 4, immediately below line 8, by inserting the
5 following:

6 "(9.5) The General Assembly further recognizes that
7 implementation of expanded passenger rail service on
8 corridors that utilize privately owned railroad
9 infrastructure will require negotiated agreements and
10 operational cooperation with the applicable railroad
11 infrastructure owners. The State's aspirational frequency
12 goals are intended to guide planning and investment
13 decisions and do not supersede the need for mutually
14 agreed operational arrangements."; and

15 on page 6, line 19, after "135.", by inserting "Prior to
16 advancing a corridor toward implementation, the Department of
17 Transportation shall evaluate operational feasibility, host

1 railroad capacity, infrastructure requirements, and market
2 demand consistent with applicable federal Service Development
3 Plan guidance where applicable."; and

4 on page 7, line 5, after "schedules.", by inserting "Such
5 agreements may include cost-sharing arrangements, capital
6 partnerships, or other jointly beneficial infrastructure
7 investments intended to increase network capacity, improve
8 reliability, and support both passenger and freight
9 transportation."; and

10 on page 7, by replacing lines 24 through 26 with the following:

11 " (4) coordination with neighboring states, Amtrak, and
12 federal agencies to advance these targets; and

13 (5) an analysis of projected ridership demand, market
14 potential, and travel behavior for each corridor,
15 including surveys or other demand validation tools as
16 appropriate, to inform service development planning and
17 investment prioritization."; and

18 on page 9, immediately below line 7, by inserting the
19 following:

20 "(k) In carrying out passenger rail planning and
21 implementation under this Act, the Department of
22 Transportation shall consult with and seek the cooperation of
23 host railroads and rail infrastructure owners whose facilities

1 may be affected by proposed passenger rail service and shall
2 pursue collaborative solutions intended to support both
3 passenger and freight mobility.

4 (1) Nothing in this Act shall be construed to authorize
5 passenger rail service over privately owned rail
6 infrastructure absent an agreement with the applicable
7 infrastructure owner, except where the State or a public
8 entity acquires such infrastructure or constructs new rail
9 facilities consistent with applicable law.".