

# An Act

HOUSE BILL 26-1269

BY REPRESENTATIVE(S) Ricks and Joseph, Velasco, Bacon, Camacho, Jackson, Lieder, Nguyen, Phillips, Carter, English, Froelich, Rutinel; also SENATOR(S) Marchman and Benavidez, Cutter, Exum, Gonzales J., Jodeh, Kipp, Kolker, Sullivan, Coleman.

CONCERNING TRANSIT ACCESS.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

**SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** part 17 to article 1 of title 43 as follows:

## PART 17 TRANSIT ACCESS

### **43-1-1701. Legislative declaration.**

(1) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(a) PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS ESSENTIAL TO THE HEALTH, ECONOMIC WELL-BEING, AND MOBILITY OF ALL COLORADANS AND PROVIDES ACCESS TO EMPLOYMENT, EDUCATION, HEALTH CARE, AND OTHER ESSENTIAL COMMUNITY RESOURCES;

*Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material added to existing law; dashes through words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law and such material is not part of the act.*

(b) DESPITE THE VITAL ROLE OF TRANSIT, MANY INDIVIDUALS FACE SIGNIFICANT BARRIERS TO ACCESSING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, INCLUDING FARE COSTS, A LACK OF CLEAR INFORMATION, AND INSUFFICIENT AMENITIES;

(c) INCREASING TRANSIT ACCESS AND EFFICIENCY IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS ACCESSIBLE, AFFORDABLE, AND INCLUSIVE. TRANSIT PROVIDERS MUST OFFER SERVICES THAT TREAT EVERY RIDER WITH RESPECT AND DIGNITY, PROVIDE HIGH-QUALITY SERVICE, AND APPLY EQUITY PRINCIPLES TO ALL OPERATIONS. EFFICIENCY IN TRANSIT OPERATIONS IS ALSO CRITICAL TO MITIGATING CONFLICTS BETWEEN OPERATORS AND RIDERS BY IMPROVING THE RELIABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICE.

(d) WELL-DESIGNED AND EFFICIENT TRANSIT SYSTEMS MAKE IT EASIER FOR INDIVIDUALS TO CHOOSE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, THEREBY INCREASING RIDERSHIP AND HELPING COLORADO MEET ITS CLIMATE GOALS. IN 2024, COLORADO TRANSIT AGENCIES REPORTED A COMBINED TOTAL OF ONE HUNDRED FOUR MILLION NINE HUNDRED ELEVEN THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FIFTEEN UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS. EXPANDING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO TRANSIT SERVICES WILL FURTHER ENHANCE RIDERSHIP, SYSTEM SUSTAINABILITY, AND ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS.

(e) ENSURING EQUITABLE ACCESS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION IS A SHARED RESPONSIBILITY AMONG THE STATE, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITIES. THIS PART 17 REPRESENTS A STEP TOWARD PROVIDING TRANSIT SERVICES THAT ARE SAFE, EFFICIENT, ACCESSIBLE, AND INCLUSIVE, WHICH PROMOTES SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC MOBILITY, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND THE OVERALL WELL-BEING OF COLORADANS.

(2) THEREFORE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

(a) PROMOTING TRANSIT ACCESS, EFFICIENCY, AND QUALITY SERVICE FOR ALL TRANSIT USERS, WHILE INCREASING RIDERSHIP TO HELP MEET CLIMATE GOALS, ARE MATTERS OF BOTH LOCAL AND STATEWIDE CONCERN;

(b) THE POLICIES IN THIS PART 17 ARE INTENDED TO ENSURE FAIRNESS, ACCESSIBILITY, AND DIGNITY IN PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND

(c) THE STATE INTENDS TO COLLECT DATA AND REQUIRE REPORTING ON THIS PART 17 TO INFORM FUTURE TRANSIT ACCESS POLICY.

**43-1-1702. Definitions.**

AS USED IN THIS PART 17, UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

(1) "AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTER" MEANS AN AUTOMATED SYSTEM THAT COUNTS PASSENGER BOARDINGS AND ALIGHTINGS.

(2) "AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION" MEANS A SYSTEM THAT DETERMINES VEHICLE LOCATION AND REPORTS REAL-TIME OR ARCHIVED POSITION AND SCHEDULE ADHERENCE.

(3) "CONTACTLESS FARE MEDIA" MEANS FARE MEDIA THAT USES NEAR-FIELD COMMUNICATION (NFC) TECHNOLOGY OR EQUIVALENT CONTACTLESS TECHNOLOGY.

(4) "COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS A PROVIDER OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION, AS DEFINED IN 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5302 (15), OPERATING IN THE STATE WITH AT LEAST ONE MILLION UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS IN THE MOST RECENT NTD YEAR. "COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY" DOES NOT INCLUDE THE DEPARTMENT OR ENCOMPASS ANY OF THE TRANSIT SERVICES OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT AND DOES NOT INCLUDE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES THAT PROVIDE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT SERVICES BUT THAT DO NOT DIRECTLY PROVIDE A TRANSIT SERVICE. A "COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY" IS CLASSIFIED AS MEDIUM OR LARGE ACCORDING TO ITS NUMBER OF UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS REPORTED IN THE MOST RECENT NTD YEAR. IF A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY MEETS THE MEDIUM OR LARGE THRESHOLD FOR NUMBER OF UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS, THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS CLASSIFIED AS THAT HIGHER THRESHOLD CATEGORY FOR THAT YEAR AND THE SUBSEQUENT FIVE YEARS, NOTWITHSTANDING LATER TRIP NUMBER DECREASES WITHIN THAT FIVE-YEAR PERIOD.

(5) "FARE MEDIA" MEANS A PHYSICAL OR DIGITAL INSTRUMENT USED TO CONVEY PROOF OF FARE PAYMENT OR ELIGIBILITY. "FARE MEDIA" INCLUDES MOBILE TICKETS, BAR OR QUICK RESPONSE (QR) CODES, AND

CONTACTLESS SMARTCARDS OR TOKENS.

(6) "GENERAL TRANSIT FEED SPECIFICATION" MEANS THE STANDARDIZED DATA FORMAT USED TO PUBLISH SCHEDULE, ROUTE, AND STOP INFORMATION, INCLUDING ITS COMPANION REAL-TIME FORMAT REFERRED TO AS "GTFS REALTIME".

(7) "KEY TRANSIT INFORMATION" MEANS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE INFORMATION THAT IS DISSEMINATED BY A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY AND THAT PROVIDES INFORMATION RELATED TO ACCESSING TRANSIT SERVICES, INCLUDING FARE STRUCTURES, TRANSIT MAPS, SERVICE SCHEDULES, AND THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF TRANSIT RIDERS.

(8) "LARGE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY WITH TEN MILLION OR MORE UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS IN THE MOST RECENT NTD YEAR.

(9) "LONG-HAUL TRANSIT ROUTE" MEANS A FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT ROUTE FOR WHICH THE AVERAGE SCHEDULED END-TO-END RUN TIME IS THREE OR MORE HOURS.

(10) "MEDIUM COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY WITH GREATER THAN ONE MILLION BUT FEWER THAN TEN MILLION UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS IN THE MOST RECENT NTD YEAR.

(11) "MOST RECENT NTD YEAR" MEANS THE MOST RECENT CALENDAR YEAR FOR WHICH THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION HAS PUBLISHED NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE DATA AS OF THE REPORTING DEADLINE.

(12) "NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE" OR "NTD" MEANS THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE MAINTAINED BY THE UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION AS REQUIRED BY 49 U.S.C. SEC. 5335.

(13) "PARATRANSIT SERVICES" MEANS COMPLEMENTARY PARALLEL TRANSIT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNABLE TO USE REGULAR OR FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR SOME OR ALL OF THEIR TRANSIT NEEDS.

(14)(a) "SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM"

MEANS A PROGRAM THAT IS ADMINISTERED, FUNDED, OR CONTRACTED BY A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY AND THAT IS DESIGNED TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION, IN ADDITION TO PARATRANSIT SERVICES, TO INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.

(b) "SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM" INCLUDES A PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES TRIPS, VOUCHERS, OR SUBSIDIES THROUGH CONTRACTED PROVIDERS OR ON-DEMAND SERVICES, INCLUDING TAXI PROVIDERS, TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANIES, AND OTHER THIRD-PARTY PROVIDERS.

(c) "SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM" DOES NOT INCLUDE ON-DEMAND OR MICROTRANSIT SERVICE THAT IS FOR THE GENERAL PUBLIC AND THAT IS NOT DESIGNED TO SERVE INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES OR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ELIGIBLE UNDER THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ., EVEN IF SUCH SERVICE USES ACCESSIBLE VEHICLES.

(15) "UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS" MEANS THE NUMBER OF PASSENGER BOARDINGS, COUNTING EACH BOARDING ON EACH VEHICLE AS A SEPARATE TRIP, AS REPORTED TO THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE.

**43-1-1703. Information provided to transit riders - transit maps - fare transparency.**

(1) ON AND AFTER JUNE 30, 2027, A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL ENSURE THAT CLEAR, UP-TO-DATE TRANSIT SYSTEM MAPS ARE DISPLAYED AT ALL RAIL STATIONS, BUS STATIONS, AND BUS RAPID TRANSIT STOPS. TRANSIT SYSTEM MAPS MUST SHOW ALL FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT ROUTES OFFERED BY THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY.

(2) (a) ON AND AFTER JUNE 30, 2027, A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL ENSURE THAT THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ONLINE AND DISPLAYED IN ALL TRANSIT VEHICLES AND AT ALL RAIL STATIONS, BUS STATIONS, AND TRANSIT STOPS WITH A COVERED SHELTER:

(I) FARE RATES AND STRUCTURES; AND

(II) ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAMS.

(b) THE REQUIREMENT TO DISPLAY THE INFORMATION IN THIS SUBSECTION (2) IS SATISFIED BY DISPLAYING SUMMARY INFORMATION AND A LINK OR QUICK RESPONSE (QR) CODE TO A WEBSITE WITH DETAILED INFORMATION.

(3) NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY TO REPLACE ITS EXISTING FIXED SIGNAGE, DISPLAYS, OR MAPS SOLELY TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS IMPOSED BY THIS SECTION. A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS ONLY REQUIRED TO UPDATE THE INFORMATION SHOWN ON ITS FIXED SIGNAGE, DISPLAYS, AND MAPS UPON THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED REPLACEMENT OF SUCH SIGNAGE, DISPLAYS, OR MAPS.

**43-1-1704. Information provided to transit riders - language access.**

(1) (a) ON AND AFTER JUNE 30, 2027, A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL ENSURE THAT ALL PUBLICLY AVAILABLE KEY TRANSIT INFORMATION THAT IS DISSEMINATED BY THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS TRANSLATED INTO EACH LANGUAGE THAT IS SPOKEN BY AT LEAST FIVE PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY OPERATES. A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS ONLY REQUIRED TO PROVIDE TRANSLATION INTO LANGUAGES THAT MEET THE FIVE PERCENT POPULATION THRESHOLD AS OF THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY OR COMPARABLE CENSUS DATA FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL AND SPEAK THE SHARED MINORITY LANGUAGE AT HOME.

(b) THE TRANSLATION REQUIREMENT IN THIS SUBSECTION (1) IS SATISFIED BY PROVIDING A LINK OR QUICK RESPONSE (QR) CODE TO A WEBSITE WITH THE TRANSLATED INFORMATION; EXCEPT THAT THE TRANSLATED INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED IN A SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR FORMAT AS THE ENGLISH INFORMATION FOR ANY LANGUAGE SPOKEN BY AT LEAST TWENTY PERCENT OF THE POPULATION OF ANY COUNTY IN WHICH THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY OPERATES, AS MEASURED BY THE MOST RECENT UNITED STATES CENSUS BUREAU AMERICAN COMMUNITY SURVEY OR COMPARABLE CENSUS DATA FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO BOTH SPEAK ENGLISH LESS THAN VERY WELL AND SPEAK THE SHARED MINORITY

LANGUAGE AT HOME.

(2) A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY MAY USE AN ALREADY EXISTING LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN REQUIRED BY TITLE VI OF THE FEDERAL "CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 2000d ET SEQ., OR AN EQUIVALENT REQUIRED LANGUAGE ACCESS PLAN, TO SATISFY THE LANGUAGE ACCESS REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING TO DETERMINE WHAT MATERIALS MUST BE TRANSLATED AND INTO WHICH LANGUAGES.

(3) TRANSLATIONS MUST BE LINGUISTICALLY ACCURATE, CULTURALLY APPROPRIATE, AND TECHNICALLY CONSISTENT WITH THE ORIGINAL INFORMATION.

**43-1-1705. Reporting.**

(1) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2028, AND ON OR BEFORE EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR AND TO A JOINT MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION FOR THE MOST RECENT NTD YEAR ON THE RELEVANT REQUIREMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

(b) A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL MAKE THE REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION AVAILABLE ON A PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE.

(2) (a) THE ANNUAL REPORT OF A MEDIUM COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY MUST INCLUDE:

(I) A NARRATIVE ABOUT THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY'S PROGRESS TOWARD IMPLEMENTING SECTIONS 43-1-1703 AND 43-1-1704;

(II) THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY'S ANNUAL RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF UNLINKED PASSENGER TRIPS;

(III) INFORMATION ON THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY'S MECHANISMS OR PROGRAMS FOR PROVIDING RELIABLE TRANSIT ACCESS TO LOW-INCOME HOUSEHOLDS AND INDIVIDUALS EXPERIENCING

HOMELESSNESS, INCLUDING IDENTIFICATION OF BARRIERS TO ACCESS;

(IV) A SUMMARY OF THE AVAILABILITY OF SERVICES OPERATED BY THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY, INCLUDING ANY NOTABLE CHANGES TO ROUTES, STOPS, SCHEDULES, SPANS OF SERVICE, OR FREQUENCY OF SERVICE TO IMPROVE ACCESS;

(V) RIDERSHIP CHARACTERISTICS, INCLUDING FROM ANY CUSTOMER SURVEYS;

(VI) ANY SERVICE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS COLLECTED BY THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY, INCLUDING ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, MISSED TRIPS, AND SCHEDULED REVENUE HOURS BY TRANSIT MODE; AND

(VII) A NARRATIVE OF HOW THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS WORKING TO MEET THE GOAL OF PROVIDING ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICES THAT ARE COMMENSURATE WITH FIXED-ROUTE SERVICES AND A SUMMARY OF PARATRANSIT SERVICES AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM THAT INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING METRICS:

(A) TOTAL REQUESTED TRIPS;

(B) TOTAL COMPLETED TRIPS;

(C) MISSED TRIPS;

(D) DENIED TRIPS;

(E) LATE PASSENGER PICKUPS AND LATE PASSENGER DROP-OFFS;

(F) EXCESSIVE RIDE TIME RELATIVE TO FIXED-ROUTE TRAVEL TIME;

(G) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;

(H) PERFORMANCE OF CALL CENTERS SUPPORTING PARATRANSIT SERVICES OR ANY SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, INCLUDING AVERAGE HOLD TIMES, CALL ABANDONMENT RATES, AND THE PERCENTAGE OF CALLS ANSWERED WITHIN TARGET RESPONSE TIMES; AND

(I) ANY ADDITIONAL REPORTING OR COMPLIANCE METRICS REQUIRED

BY THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION FOR COMPLEMENTARY PARATRANSIT SERVICES REQUIRED BY THE FEDERAL "AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT OF 1990", 42 U.S.C. SEC. 12101 ET SEQ.

(b) THE ANNUAL REPORT OF A LARGE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY MUST INCLUDE:

(I) ALL OF THE INFORMATION DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION;

(II) AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNTER DATA FOR EACH FIXED-ROUTE SERVICE, INCLUDING BOARDINGS BY ROUTE;

(III) A FARE PRODUCT UTILIZATION TABLE;

(IV) A LANGUAGE ACCESS INVENTORY;

(V) RESTROOM ACCESS METRICS THAT INCLUDE:

(A) THE AVAILABILITY OF RESTROOMS AND ACCESS TO RESTROOMS FOR TRANSIT RIDERS AND TRANSIT OPERATORS FOR ALL ROUTES;

(B) A SUMMARY OF TRANSIT OPERATOR RELIEF POLICIES;

(C) THE NUMBER OF FIXED-ROUTE LONG HAUL TRIPS OPERATED WHILE AN ONBOARD RESTROOM WAS OUT OF SERVICE; AND

(D) FOR PARATRANSIT SERVICES AND ANY SUPPLEMENTAL ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, A SUMMARY OF THE POLICIES AND PRACTICES REGARDING RESTROOM ACCESS DURING TRIPS AND THE NUMBER OF CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS OR INCIDENT REPORTS RELATING TO RESTROOM ACCESS; AND

(VI) A SUMMARY OF CUSTOMER FEEDBACK, INCLUDING THE NUMBER OF ANNUAL COMPLAINTS FILED AND THE TOP THREE COMPLAINT CATEGORIES.

(3) (a) A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY IS REQUIRED TO REPORT ONLY INFORMATION THAT THE TRANSIT AGENCY ALREADY COLLECTS. IF A

COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY DOES NOT COLLECT A TYPE OF INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION ON WHICH IT WOULD OTHERWISE BE REQUIRED TO REPORT, THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL REPORT THAT INFORMATION AS "NOT COLLECTED". NOTHING IN THIS SECTION REQUIRES ADDITIONAL DATA COLLECTION.

(b) A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY SHALL PREPARE THE ANNUAL REPORT REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION USING INFORMATION THAT THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY ALREADY COLLECTS, WHICH MAY INCLUDE:

(I) NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE SUBMISSIONS;

(II) GENERAL TRANSIT FEED SPECIFICATION DATASETS OR ARCHIVES;

(III) FARE MEDIA SALES, VALIDATIONS, OR CONTACTLESS FARE MEDIA TAP RECORDS;

(IV) AUTOMATIC PASSENGER COUNT AND AUTOMATIC VEHICLE LOCATION OUTPUTS;

(V) CUSTOMER SURVEYS;

(VI) CUSTOMER COMPLAINT LOGS; AND

(VII) WRITTEN POLICIES.

(c) A COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY MAY SATISFY ANY OF THE INFORMATION REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED PURSUANT TO THIS SECTION BY REFERENCING OR INCLUDING A LINK TO AN OFFICIAL REPORT THAT INCLUDES THE REQUIRED INFORMATION, SO LONG AS THAT OFFICIAL REPORT IS POSTED ON THE COVERED TRANSIT AGENCY'S PUBLICLY ACCESSIBLE WEBSITE.

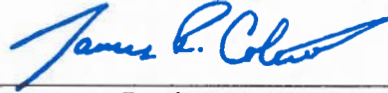
(4) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SECTION CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

**SECTION 2. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds, determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for

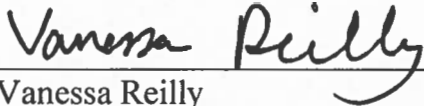
the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state institutions.



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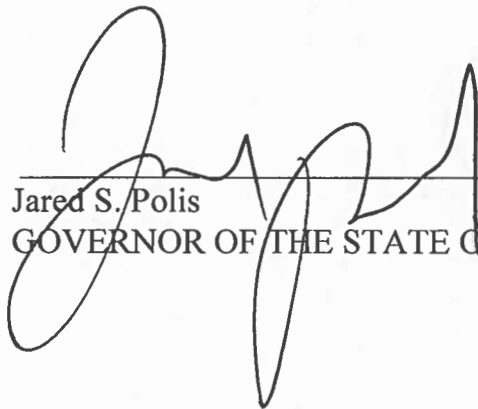


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CHIEF CLERK OF THE HOUSE  
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Esther van Mourik  
SECRETARY OF  
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APPROVED on Wednesday May 27<sup>th</sup> 2026 at 11:00am  
(Date and Time)



Jared S. Polis  
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF COLORADO