

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

February 18, 2025

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Chair of Committee

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Date

Committee on Transportation, Housing & Local Government.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB25-1007 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and  
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 43-1-604 as  
4 follows:

5 **43-1-604. Paratransit services - communication duties - report**  
6 **- definitions - repeal.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE  
7 CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

8 (a) "EMERGENCY" MEANS:

9 (I) A FIRE, RESCUE CALL, OR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENT;

10 (II) A NATURAL OR HUMAN-CAUSED DISASTER SUCH AS AN  
11 EARTHQUAKE, WILDFIRE, FLOOD, OR SEVERE WEATHER EVENT; OR

12 (III) AN INCIDENT REASONABLY DETERMINED TO BE AN  
13 EMERGENCY BY A PUBLIC ENTITY PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES.

14 (b) "PARATRANSIT SERVICES" MEANS COMPLEMENTARY PARALLEL  
15 TRANSIT SERVICES FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES WHO ARE UNABLE  
16 TO UTILIZE REGULAR OR FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES FOR SOME OR ALL  
17 OF THEIR TRANSIT NEEDS.

18 (c) "PUBLIC ENTITY PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES" MEANS  
19 ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE OR AGENCY OF A POLITICAL  
20 SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE THAT RESPONDS IN A PROFESSIONAL CAPACITY  
21 TO AN EMERGENCY, INCLUDING A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY, FIRE  
22 DEPARTMENT, OR FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT.

23 (d) "TRANSIT AGENCY" MEANS ANY POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE  
24 STATE, PUBLIC ENTITY, OR NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT PROVIDES  
25 PARATRANSIT SERVICES IN THE STATE.

26 (2) (a) ON AND AFTER JANUARY 1, 2026, IN COORDINATION WITH  
27 LOCAL PUBLIC ENTITIES PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES, A TRANSIT

1 AGENCY SHALL ESTABLISH A PLAN TO COMMUNICATE INFORMATION AND  
2 PROVIDE PARATRANSIT SERVICES DURING EMERGENCIES.

3 (b) THE COMMUNICATION PLAN MUST INCLUDE INFORMATION ON  
4 THE NUMBER OF RIDERS WHO USE THE TRANSIT AGENCY'S PARATRANSIT  
5 SERVICES AND THE TRANSIT AGENCY'S RESOURCE CAPACITY, INCLUDING  
6 THE NUMBER OF DRIVERS AND THE NUMBER OF VEHICLES USED TO PROVIDE  
7 PARATRANSIT SERVICES.

8 (c) (I) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 1, 2026, TRANSIT AGENCIES AND  
9 PUBLIC ENTITIES PROVIDING EMERGENCY SERVICES SHALL SUBMIT A  
10 REPORT TO THE TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE ON  
11 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COMMUNICATION AND EMERGENCY  
12 SERVICES PLAN DESCRIBED IN THIS SUBSECTION (2).

13 (II) THIS SUBSECTION (2)(c) IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2027.

14 **SECTION 2. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
15 takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
16 ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
17 that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
18 of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
19 act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
20 effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
21 November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
22 official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor."

23 Page 1, line 101 after "CONCERNING" insert "EMERGENCY  
24 PREPAREDNESS FOR".

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