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S.B. No. 1738

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

1
2 relating to an education and training program on interacting with
3 and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental
4 disabilities for certain public transportation vehicle operators.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

6 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 451, Transportation Code,
7 is amended by adding Section 451.114 to read as follows:

8 Sec. 451.114. REQUIRED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM ON
9 INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:
10 CERTAIN AUTHORITIES. (a) This section applies only to an authority
11 created before 1980 in which the principal municipality has a
12 population of less than 1.9 million.

13 (b) An authority shall establish an education and training
14 program on interacting with and supporting individuals with
15 intellectual and developmental disabilities for employees of the
16 authority who operate vehicles used to provide public
17 transportation services for the authority. The program must
18 include instruction relating to:

19 (1) identifying and communicating with individuals
20 with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

21 (2) assisting an individual with an intellectual or
22 developmental disability to safely enter and exit a vehicle used to
23 provide public transportation services.

24 (c) An authority, or a person with whom the authority

1 contracts, may not allow an employee to operate a vehicle used to
2 provide public transportation services for the authority unless the
3 employee has completed the training program established by the
4 authority under this section.

5 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2020, a rapid transit
6 authority shall establish the training program as required by
7 Section 451.114, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

8 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of this
9 section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

10 (b) Section 451.114(c), Transportation Code, as added by
11 this Act, takes effect September 1, 2020.