

1-1 By: Menéndez S.B. No. 1738
 1-2 (In the Senate - Filed March 6, 2019; March 14, 2019, read
 1-3 first time and referred to Committee on Transportation;
 1-4 May 8, 2019, reported favorably by the following vote: Yeas 8,
 1-5 Nays 0; May 8, 2019, sent to printer.)

1-6 COMMITTEE VOTE

	Yea	Nay	Absent	PNV
1-7 Nichols	X			
1-8 Hancock	X			
1-9 Alvarado	X			
1-10 Hinojosa	X			
1-11 Kolthorst	X			
1-12 Perry	X			
1-13 Rodríguez	X			
1-14 Schwertner			X	
1-15 West	X			

1-17 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
 1-18 AN ACT

1-19 relating to an education and training program on interacting with
 1-20 and supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental
 1-21 disabilities for certain public transportation vehicle operators.

1-22 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

1-23 SECTION 1. Subchapter C, Chapter 451, Transportation Code,
 1-24 is amended by adding Section 451.114 to read as follows:

1-25 Sec. 451.114. REQUIRED EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM ON
 1-26 INDIVIDUALS WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES:
 1-27 CERTAIN AUTHORITIES. (a) This section applies only to an
 1-28 authority created before 1980 in which the principal municipality
 1-29 has a population of less than 1.9 million.

1-30 (b) An authority shall establish an education and training
 1-31 program on interacting with and supporting individuals with
 1-32 intellectual and developmental disabilities for employees of the
 1-33 authority who operate vehicles used to provide public
 1-34 transportation services for the authority. The program must
 1-35 include instruction relating to:

1-36 (1) identifying and communicating with individuals
 1-37 with intellectual or developmental disabilities; and

1-38 (2) assisting an individual with an intellectual or
 1-39 developmental disability to safely enter and exit a vehicle used to
 1-40 provide public transportation services.

1-41 (c) An authority, or a person with whom the authority
 1-42 contracts, may not allow an employee to operate a vehicle used to
 1-43 provide public transportation services for the authority unless the
 1-44 employee has completed the training program established by the
 1-45 authority under this section.

1-46 SECTION 2. Not later than March 1, 2020, a rapid transit
 1-47 authority shall establish the training program as required by
 1-48 Section 451.114, Transportation Code, as added by this Act.

1-49 SECTION 3. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (b) of
 1-50 this section, this Act takes effect September 1, 2019.

1-51 (b) Section 451.114(c), Transportation Code, as added by
 1-52 this Act, takes effect September 1, 2020.

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