

AN ACT

relating to requiring owners or operators of commercial passenger bus services to provide certain notifications to residents concerning operations.

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

SECTION 1. Subtitle C, Title 5, Business & Commerce Code, is amended by adding Chapter 121 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 121. REGULATION OF COMMERCIAL PASSENGER BUS SERVICES

Sec. 121.001. DEFINITIONS. In this chapter:

(1) "Commercial passenger bus service" means a business that in exchange for compensation operates a passenger bus service that provides regularly scheduled intercity bus transportation to passengers using buses with at least 35 seats. The term does not include a public transit service provided by or on behalf of a transit authority or district, transit department, municipality, political subdivision, or other local governmental entity.

(2) "Terminal" means an installation:

(A) located on the premises of a commercial passenger bus service; and

(B) at which tickets are sold to passengers by the service.

Sec. 121.002. NOTIFICATION OF NEW TERMINALS. (a) Except as provided by Subsection (d), at least 90 calendar days before the

1 date an owner or operator of a commercial passenger bus service  
2 begins operating a new terminal located in this state, the owner or  
3 operator shall provide notice of the proposed terminal to the  
4 community in which the terminal is to be located as prescribed by  
5 Subsection (b).

6 (b) The notice required by this section must:

7 (1) be published in a newspaper of general circulation  
8 in the municipality:

9 (A) in which the proposed terminal is to be  
10 located; or

11 (B) nearest to the proposed location of the  
12 terminal; and

13 (2) except as provided by Subsection (c), if the  
14 elementary or middle school nearest to the proposed location of the  
15 terminal provides a bilingual education program as required by  
16 Subchapter B, Chapter 29, Education Code, be published by the owner  
17 or operator at least once in an additional publication of general  
18 circulation in the municipality or county in which the terminal is  
19 proposed to be located that is published in the language taught in  
20 the bilingual education program.

21 (c) An owner or operator of a commercial bus service does  
22 not have to comply with the requirements of Subsection (b)(2) if:

23 (1) a publication described by that subdivision does  
24 not exist; or

25 (2) the publisher of a publication that meets the  
26 requirements of that subdivision refuses to publish notice.

27 (d) An owner or operator of a commercial passenger bus

1 service does not have to comply with this section if the owner or  
2 operator is operating or intends to temporarily operate the new  
3 terminal in response to an unforeseen emergency, including a  
4 natural disaster or road closures.

5       SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2025.

H.B. No. 3966

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3966 was passed by the House on May 15, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 116, Nays 24, 2 present, not voting; and that the House concurred in Senate amendments to H.B. No. 3966 on May 29, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 89, Nays 44, 1 present, not voting.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.B. No. 3966 was passed by the Senate, with amendments, on May 26, 2025, by the following vote: Yeas 26, Nays 5.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor