

SENATE AMENDMENTS
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By: Morales of Harris, Curry

H.B. No. 3966

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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. DEFINITION. In this chapter, "commercial passenger bus service" means a business that operates a passenger bus service that provides regularly scheduled intercity bus transportation to passengers in exchange for compensation.

Sec. 121.002. NOTIFICATION OF NEW BUS STOPS, TERMINALS, OR OTHER INSTALLATIONS. (a) At least 90 calendar days before the date a commercial passenger bus service begins operating a new bus stop, terminal, or other installation located in this state, the owner or operator of the commercial passenger bus service shall provide written notice of the stop, terminal, or installation to residents who live within one mile of the stop, terminal, or installation.

(b) The notice required by this section must:

- (1) be delivered by mail; and
- (2) include the address or a description of the location of the new bus stop, terminal, or other installation.

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

ADOPTED

MAY 26 2025

Lately Law
Secretary of the Senate

Carl Allen

FLOOR AMENDMENT NO. 1

BY: _____

Amend H.B. No. 3966 (senate committee report) by striking all below the enacting clause and substituting the following:

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

(b) The notice required by this section must:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

(d) An owner or operator of a commercial passenger bus service does not have to comply with this section if the owner or operator is operating or intends to temporarily operate the new terminal in response to an unforeseen emergency, including a natural disaster or road closures.

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

LEGISLATIVE BUDGET BOARD
Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 27, 2025

TO: Honorable Dustin Burrows, Speaker of the House, House of Representatives

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3966 by Morales, Christina (Relating to requiring owners or operators of commercial passenger bus services to provide certain notifications to residents concerning operations.), **As Passed 2nd House**

No fiscal implication to the State is anticipated.

Local Government Impact

No significant fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

Source Agencies:

LBB Staff: JMc, AAL, BC, CWi

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Austin, Texas

FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

May 19, 2025

TO: Honorable Robert Nichols, Chair, Senate Committee on Transportation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3966 by Morales, Christina (Relating to requiring owners or operators of commercial passenger bus services to provide certain notifications to residents concerning operations.), **As Engrossed**

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FISCAL NOTE, 89TH LEGISLATIVE REGULAR SESSION

April 28, 2025

TO: Honorable Tom Craddick, Chair, House Committee on Transportation

FROM: Jerry McGinty, Director, Legislative Budget Board

IN RE: HB3966 by Morales, Christina (Relating to requiring owners or operators of commercial passenger bus services to provide certain notifications to residents concerning operations.), **As Introduced**

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