

#### **HB 25-1007: PARATRANSIT SERVICES**

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**Fiscal note status:** The revised fiscal note reflects the bill as amended by the House Transportation, Housing, and Local Government Committee. The bill was recommended by the Transportation Legislation Review Committee.

## **Summary Information**

**Overview.** The bill imposes new communication duties during emergencies on entities providing paratransit services.

**Types of impacts.** The bill is projected to affect the following areas on a limited basis:

Local Government

Statutory Public Entity

**Appropriations.** No appropriation is required.

# Table 1 State Fiscal Impacts

	Budget Year	Out Year
Type of Impact	FY 2025-26	FY 2026-27
State Revenue	\$0	\$0
State Expenditures	\$0	\$0
Transferred Funds	\$0	\$0
Change in TABOR Refunds	\$0	\$0
Change in State FTE	0.0 FTE	0.0 FTE

# **Summary of Legislation**

Paratransit is complementary parallel transit services for individuals with disabilities who cannot use regular or fixed route transit for some or all of their needs. Beginning January 1, 2026, the bill requires entities providing paratransit services to coordinate with local public emergency services providers to create a plan to communicate information and provide paratransit services during emergencies, such as fires, hazardous materials incidents, and natural disasters.

On or before September 1, 2026, paratransit providers and public emergency services providers must submit a report to the Transportation Legislation Review Committee on the implementation of the communication and emergency services plan. The bill repeals July 1, 2027.

#### **Local Government**

The bill increases expenditures for municipalities that provide emergency services to work with paratransit providers in emergency planning. For municipalities that provide paratransit services, there will be costs to comply with the bill's requirements to develop the emergency plan.

# **Statutory Public Entity**

The Regional Transportation District (RTD), which provides Access-A-Ride paratransit services, will have costs to comply with the bill's requirements to develop an emergency plan.

#### **Effective Date**

The bill takes effect 90 days following adjournment of the General Assembly sine die, assuming no referendum petition is filed.

## **State and Local Government Contacts**

Health Care Policy and Financing Public Safety

Labor Regional Transportation District

Municipalities Transportation