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Seventy-fifth General Assembly  
STATE OF COLORADO**

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LLS NO. 25-0367.02 Owen Hatch x2698

**HOUSE BILL 25-1290**

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SENATE  
Amended 3rd Reading  
April 22, 2025

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101 **CONCERNING TRANSIT WORKER SAFETY.**

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SENATE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
April 16, 2025

**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does not reflect any amendments that may be subsequently adopted. If this bill passes third reading in the house of introduction, a bill summary that applies to the reengrossed version of this bill will be available at <http://leg.colorado.gov>.)*

The bill creates a specific criminal offense related to assault of a transit worker. The bill also adds regional transportation district transit police officers to the list of law enforcement officials who can access the peace officer training and support fund.

HOUSE  
3rd Reading Unamended  
March 25, 2025

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1 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Colorado:*

HOUSE  
Amended 2nd Reading  
March 20, 2025

Shading denotes HOUSE amendment. Double underlining denotes SENATE amendment.  
Capital letters or bold & italic numbers indicate new material to be added to existing law.  
Dashes through the words or numbers indicate deletions from existing law.

1           **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-101, **add**  
2           **(3)** as follows:

3           **18-9-101. Definitions.** As used in this part 1, unless the context  
4           otherwise requires:

5           **(3)** "TRANSIT WORKER" MEANS A BUS OPERATOR, TRAIN  
6           OPERATOR, TICKET INSPECTOR, CONDUCTOR, STATION CUSTOMER  
7           ASSISTANT, OR A PERSON WHOSE OFFICIAL DUTIES INCLUDE THE  
8           MAINTENANCE, REPAIR, INSPECTION, TROUBLESHOOTING, TESTING, OR  
9           CLEANING OF BUSES, TRAINS, OR FACILITIES OF A MASS TRANSPORTATION  
10           SYSTEM, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 32-9-103, OR A COMMUTER RAIL AGENCY,  
11           AUTHORITY, OR COMPANY, PUBLIC OR PRIVATE, WHOSE OPERATION IS  
12           AUTHORIZED BY THE STATE, WHETHER THE PERSON IS EMPLOYED BY A  
13           POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OR A PRIVATE ENTITY.

14           **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 18-9-111, **amend** (1)  
15           introductory portion, (1)(h), and (2)(a); and **add** (1)(i) as follows:

16           **18-9-111. Harassment - Kiana Arellano's Law.** (1) A person  
17           commits harassment if, with intent to harass, annoy, or alarm another  
18           person, ~~he or she~~ THE PERSON:

19           (h) Repeatedly insults, taunts, challenges, or makes  
20           communications in offensively coarse language to another in a manner  
21           likely to provoke a violent or disorderly response; OR

22           (i) WRONGFULLY INTERFERES WITH A TRANSIT WORKER  
23           PERFORMING A LAWFUL DUTY.

24           (2) (a) A person who violates subsection (1)(a), ~~or~~ (1)(c), OR (1)(i)  
25           of this section or violates ~~any provision of~~ subsection (1) of this section  
26           with the intent to intimidate or harass another person, in whole or in part,  
27           because of that person's actual or perceived race; color; religion; ancestry;

1 national origin; physical or mental disability, as defined in section  
2 18-9-121; sexual orientation, as defined in section 18-9-121; or  
3 transgender identity commits a class 1 misdemeanor.

4 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 24-4.1-302, **add**  
5 **(1)(cc.2)** as follows:

6 **24-4.1-302. Definitions.** As used in this part 3, and for no other  
7 purpose, including the expansion of the rights of any defendant:

8 (1) "Crime" means any of the following offenses, acts, and  
9 violations as defined by the statutes of the state of Colorado, whether  
10 committed by an adult or a juvenile:

11 (cc.2) HARASSMENT IN VIOLATION OF SECTION 18-9-111 (1)(i);

12 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-160, **amend (1);**  
13 and **add (3)** as follows:

14 **32-9-160. Misdemeanors - funding.** (1) Any person who  
15 wrongfully damages, injures, or destroys, or in any manner impairs the  
16 usefulness of any facility, property, structure, improvement, equipment,  
17 or other property of the district acquired under the provisions of this  
18 article 9, ~~or who wrongfully interferes with any officer, agent, or~~  
19 ~~employee of the district in the proper discharge of the officer's, agent's,~~  
20 ~~or employee's duties,~~ commits a class 2 misdemeanor.

21 (3) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY LAW TO THE CONTRARY, A LAW  
22 ENFORCEMENT AGENCY MAY GRANT MONEY RECEIVED FROM THE PEACE  
23 OFFICER TRAINING AND SUPPORT FUND TO THE REGIONAL  
24 TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT, AS DESCRIBED IN THIS ARTICLE 9, FOR  
25 TRAINING, EQUIPMENT, AND OTHER PURPOSES DEEMED NECESSARY TO  
26 ENSURE THE SAFETY OF EMPLOYEES AND PATRONS OF THE DISTRICT.

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1           **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** This act  
2   takes effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the  
3   ninety-day period after final adjournment of the general assembly; except  
4   that, if a referendum petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V  
5   of the state constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this  
6   act within such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take  
7   effect unless approved by the people at the general election to be held in  
8   November 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the  
9   official declaration of the vote thereon by the governor.