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**SENATE BILL 25-161**

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**A BILL FOR AN ACT**

101      **CONCERNING TRANSIT REFORM, AND, IN CONNECTION THEREWITH,**  
102              **CREATING STUDY, PLANNING, AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS;**  
103              **INCREASING COORDINATION AMONG TRANSIT AGENCIES,**  
104              **GOVERNMENT, AND PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS; AUTHORIZING**  
105              **THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO ENTER INTO**  
106              **SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENTS; CREATING A REGIONAL**  
107              **TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE; AND**  
108              **REQUIRING THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT TO**  
109              **EMPHASIZE RIDERSHIP GROWTH, WORKER RETENTION, SAFETY,**  
110              **AND STATEWIDE CLIMATE GOALS.**

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**Bill Summary**

*(Note: This summary applies to this bill as introduced and does*

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.

*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 makes the following changes for the purpose of improving the performance of the regional transportation district (RTD):

- Authorizes RTD to enter into a service partnership agreement with a local government, institution of higher education, or other entity to expand services within RTD's service territory (**section 2** of the bill);
- Requires RTD, in discharging its responsibilities, to (**section 3**):
  - Align with statewide greenhouse gas reduction targets, "Transportation Vision 2035" goals, and mode choice targets as will be developed according to Senate Bill 25-030, if enacted;
  - Create worker retention goals;
  - Adhere to the requirements of "General Directive 24-1: Required Actions Regarding Assaults on Transit Workers", issued on September 25, 2024, by the federal transit administration of the United States department of transportation; and
  - Develop performance measures to evaluate its progress in aligning with state climate goals and achieving its worker retention goals;
- Requires RTD to create a 10-year strategic plan no later than April 10, 2026, and a comprehensive operational analysis no less frequently than every 5 years beginning in 2026, and to report quarterly to the RTD board of directors regarding the plan and analysis (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD, in conjunction with the creation of its 10-year strategic plan, to study or contract with a third party to study and identify opportunities to increase funding to achieve the goals, measures, and targets identified in the 10-year strategic plan (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to create, maintain, and publish on its website information and dashboards related to capital projects, ridership and service information, planned service changes, workforce statistics, and transit safety (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to update its service policies and standards, its equitable transit-oriented development policy, and its service buy-up policy, to create specific communication protocols, and to implement parking and transportation demand management strategies and policies (**section 4**);

- Requires RTD to periodically notify the Denver regional council of governments (DRCOG) and the department of local affairs of any known infrastructure gaps that exist within specific areas of a transit-oriented community within RTD's service territory (**section 4**);
- Requires RTD to modernize and advertise its EcoPass and low-income fare discount programs (**section 4**);
- Adds 2 nonvoting ex officio members to the RTD board of directors (RTD board), to be appointed by the executive director of the department of transportation and by DRCOG (**sections 6 and 8**); and
- Prohibits write-in candidates for the RTD board (**section 7**).

The bill also requires other entities to analyze opportunities for the improvement of transit services by:

- Requiring the transportation commission to develop and publish best practices and technical assistance materials concerning the creation of regional transportation authorities to increase funding for transit and to provide additional transit services within the state (**section 5**); and
- Creating an RTD accountability committee within the Colorado energy office that consists of 13 appointed members. On or before January 30, 2026, the commission is required to provide recommendations to the transportation committees of the general assembly concerning the governance structure and compensation of the RTD board and executive leadership, the representation of local governments and state agencies within RTD, and RTD's workforce retention (**section 9**).

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

2 **SECTION 1.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-102, **add** (2) as  
3 follows:

4 **32-9-102. Legislative declaration.** (2) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
5 FURTHER FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

6 (a) TRANSPORTATION IS CRITICAL TO DAILY LIFE AND COMMERCE,  
7 YET OUR METHODS CONTRIBUTE TO SEVERAL CHALLENGES FACING THE  
8 REGION, INCLUDING AIR POLLUTION, GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS,

1 AFFORDABILITY, PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, ACCESSIBILITY, AND EQUITY;  
2 (b) EXPANDING MASS TRANSPORTATION PRESENTS A VITAL  
3 OPPORTUNITY TO REDUCE HOUSEHOLD TRANSPORTATION COSTS,  
4 DECREASE POLLUTION, REDUCE CONGESTION, MINIMIZE FATALITIES AND  
5 SERIOUS INJURIES WHILE IMPROVING ACCESS TO KEY DESTINATIONS,  
6 PARTICULARLY FOR TRANSIT-RELIANT POPULATIONS, AND STIMULATE  
7 REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND

8 (c) THEREFORE, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT SHALL  
9 PRIORITIZE PROVIDING FAST, FREQUENT, RELIABLE, AND SAFE SERVICE TO  
10 MAXIMIZE RIDERSHIP LEVELS.

11 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119, **amend** (1)  
12 introductory portion and (1)(y); and **add** (1)(z) as follows:

13 **32-9-119. Additional powers of district.** (1) In addition to any  
14 other powers granted to the district in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9, the district  
15 has the following powers:

16 (y) To exercise all or any part or combination of the powers  
17 granted in this ~~article~~ ARTICLE 9; AND

18 (z) TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT WITH A  
19 LOCAL GOVERNMENT, INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION, BUSINESS OR  
20 HOUSING ENTITY, OR OTHER PERSON TO EXPAND SERVICES WITHIN THE  
21 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY BY:

22 (I) SHARING RESOURCES AND THE MEANS OF PROVIDING  
23 TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES; OR

24 (II) COOPERATING ON THE RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT, OR  
25 IMPLEMENTATION OF TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM PROJECTS OR SERVICES.

26 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-119.7, **repeal**  
27 (1); and **add** (10) , (11), and (12) as follows:

1           **32-9-119.7. Cost efficiency of transit services - climate goals -**  
2           **employee retention goals - reporting - plans.** (1) ~~The general assembly~~  
3           ~~hereby finds and declares that surface transportation in the Denver~~  
4           ~~metropolitan area is a major problem confronting not only the citizens of~~  
5           ~~the metropolitan area but also the citizens of the entire state of Colorado.~~  
6           ~~The general assembly further finds that, although mass transportation is~~  
7           ~~one component of an effective surface transportation system, the~~  
8           ~~allocation of resources to mass transportation must be made in light of all~~  
9           ~~surface transportation needs. The general assembly further finds that the~~  
10           ~~district should be organized efficiently, economically, and on a~~  
11           ~~demand-responsive basis and that the district should consider least-cost~~  
12           ~~alternatives in discharging its responsibilities.~~

13           (10) IN DISCHARGING ITS RESPONSIBILITIES, THE DISTRICT SHALL  
14           ALIGN WITH THE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION TARGETS SET FORTH IN  
15           SECTION 25-7-102 (2)(g); THE GOALS SET FORTH IN THE GOVERNOR'S  
16           "TRANSPORTATION VISION 2035", WHICH INCLUDES AN EIGHTY-THREE  
17           PERCENT INCREASE IN TRANSIT SERVICE BY 2035; AND THE MODE CHOICE  
18           TARGETS DEVELOPED PURSUANT TO SECTION 43-1-138, AS ADDED BY  
19           SENATE BILL 25-030, ENACTED IN 2025. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP  
20           PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS IN ALIGNING WITH  
21           THESE STATE CLIMATE GOALS. IN ASSESSING CLIMATE IMPACT, THE  
22           DISTRICT SHALL CONSIDER THE EXTENT TO WHICH ITS SERVICES REDUCE  
23           VEHICLE MILES TRAVELED BY INCREASING TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND  
24           ENCOURAGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF DENSE, WALKABLE, AND LESS  
25           CAR-DEPENDENT COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS AND CORRIDORS.

26           (11) THE DISTRICT SHALL ESTABLISH GOALS FOR EMPLOYEE  
27           RETENTION. THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO

1 EVALUATE ITS PROGRESS TOWARD ITS EMPLOYEE RETENTION GOALS.

2 (12) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADHERE TO THE REQUIREMENTS OF  
3 "GENERAL DIRECTIVE 24-1: REQUIRED ACTIONS REGARDING ASSAULTS  
4 ON TRANSIT WORKERS", ISSUED ON SEPTEMBER 25, 2024, BY THE  
5 FEDERAL TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT  
6 OF TRANSPORTATION.

7 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 32-9-165,  
8 32-9-166, 32-9-167, 32-9-168, and 32-9-169 as follows:

9 **32-9-165. Planning - ten-year plan - comprehensive**  
10 **operational analysis - reporting - funding study - transit-oriented**  
11 **community infrastructure. (1) Ten-year strategic plan. (a) NO LATER**  
12 **THAN APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A TEN-YEAR**  
13 **STRATEGIC PLAN. THE PLAN MUST:**

14 (I) IN COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND THE  
15 DISTRICT SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS, IDENTIFY PERFORMANCE  
16 MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE, RIDERSHIP, ENROLLMENT IN THE  
17 DISTRICT'S ECOPASS PROGRAM AND INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT  
18 PROGRAM, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND JOBS WITHIN  
19 ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE. THE PERFORMANCE  
20 MEASURES AND TARGETS MUST ALIGN WITH STATE AND REGIONAL GOALS  
21 FOR MODE CHOICE, LAND USE, CLIMATE, EQUITY, AND SAFETY;

22 (II) IDENTIFY TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND SERVICES,  
23 INCLUDING THE EXPANSION OR IMPROVEMENT OF EXISTING FACILITIES AND  
24 SERVICES, REQUIRED TO MEET SERVICE AND RIDERSHIP GOALS IN THE  
25 DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY OVER THE TEN-YEAR PERIOD;

26 (III) INCLUDE A FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PLAN OUTLINING THE  
27 TRANSIT PROJECTS AND SERVICES THAT ARE EXPECTED TO BE FUNDED

1 WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, WHICH MUST BE UPDATED PERIODICALLY IF  
2 THE FUNDING PICTURE CHANGES SUBSTANTIALY;

3 (IV) INCLUDE A FISCALLY UNCONSTRAINED OPTION THAT  
4 DESCRIBES SERVICE AND INVESTMENTS NEEDED TO MEET THE DISTRICT'S  
5 IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS FOR SERVICE,  
6 RIDERSHIP, AND THE PERCENTAGES OF RESIDENCES AND JOBS WITHIN  
7 ONE-QUARTER MILE OF A FREQUENT TRANSIT ROUTE; AND

8 (V) IDENTIFY EXPECTED ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, AND ECONOMIC  
9 IMPACTS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED IN THE TRANSPORTATION  
10 PLAN.

11 (b) FOR EACH SERVICE, FACILITY, OR CAPITAL PROJECT IDENTIFIED  
12 IN THE TEN-YEAR PLAN, THE PLAN MUST SPECIFY AND REGULARLY UPDATE  
13 AS CIRCUMSTANCES CHANGE:

14 (I) THE TIME FRAME DURING WHICH THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO  
15 BE COMPLETED;

16 (II) THE TOTAL ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING REQUIRED TO  
17 COMPLETE THE PROJECT; AND

18 (III) FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT ACCOUNT FOR THE TOTAL  
19 ESTIMATED AMOUNT OF FUNDING FOR THE PROJECT, INCLUDING THE  
20 AMOUNT OF FUNDING FROM EACH FUNDING SOURCE THAT HAS BEEN  
21 ALLOCATED FOR THE PROJECT OR IS ANTICIPATED TO BE ALLOCATED FOR  
22 THE PROJECT.

23 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN  
24 EVERY FOUR YEARS.

25 (d) IN CREATING THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT  
26 SHALL COORDINATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE  
27 DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS, AND LOCAL

1 GOVERNMENTS WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE TERRITORY.

2 (e) IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE CREATION OF ITS TEN-YEAR  
3 STRATEGIC PLAN, THE DISTRICT SHALL STUDY AND IDENTIFY OR CONTRACT  
4 WITH A THIRD PARTY TO STUDY AND IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO  
5 INCREASE THE DISTRICT'S FUNDING TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS, MEASURES,  
6 AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN.

7 (2) **Comprehensive operational analysis.** NO LATER THAN APRIL  
8 10, 2026, AND NO LESS FREQUENTLY THAN EVERY FIVE YEARS  
9 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE A COMPREHENSIVE  
10 OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS. THE ANALYSIS MUST:

11 (a) ASSESS EXISTING SERVICES AND TRAVEL PATTERNS;

12 (b) EVALUATE THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL CAPACITY AND FUNDING  
13 OPPORTUNITIES;

14 (c) IDENTIFY SPECIFIC TRANSIT ROUTES OR SERVICES FOR  
15 IMPLEMENTATION AS IDENTIFIED IN THE FISCALLY CONSTRAINED PROJECTS  
16 LIST OF THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF  
17 THIS SECTION; AND

18 (d) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ACHIEVING THE GOALS  
19 IDENTIFIED IN THE APPLICABLE TEN-YEAR PLAN REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION  
20 (1) OF THIS SECTION.

21 (3) **Reports.** (a) (I) DURING EACH LEGISLATIVE INTERIM, THE  
22 DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT A REPORT ON ITS PROGRESS IN DELIVERING THE  
23 PROJECTS IDENTIFIED IN THE TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN  
24 SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL  
25 ANALYSIS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION TO THE  
26 TRANSPORTATION LEGISLATION REVIEW COMMITTEE CREATED IN SECTION  
27 43-2-145 (1)(a). AS PART OF THE REPORT, THE DISTRICT SHALL PROVIDE

1 GUIDANCE TO THE COMMITTEE AS TO HOW TO ACCESS AND UNDERSTAND  
2 THE PLAN AND ANALYSIS, AND THE COMMITTEE MAY, IF IT DETERMINES  
3 THAT THE PLAN OR ANALYSIS DOES NOT INCLUDE ALL THE INFORMATION  
4 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OR (2) OF THIS SECTION, INSTRUCT THE  
5 DISTRICT TO ENSURE THAT ANY MISSING INFORMATION IS PROMPTLY  
6 ADDED.

7 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136  
8 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
9 SUBSECTION (3) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

10 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT QUARTERLY TO ITS BOARD OF  
11 DIRECTORS ON ITS PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING AND DELIVERING THE  
12 TEN-YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS  
13 SECTION AND THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS DESCRIBED  
14 IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

15 (4) **Transit-oriented community infrastructure.** THE DISTRICT  
16 SHALL PERIODICALLY NOTIFY THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
17 GOVERNMENTS AND THE DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL AFFAIRS OF ANY KNOWN  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE GAPS THAT EXIST WITHIN A TRANSIT CENTER, AS  
19 DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE  
20 TERRITORY.

21 **32-9-166. Information dashboards.** (1) THE DISTRICT SHALL  
22 CREATE, MAINTAIN, AND PUBLISH ON ITS PUBLIC WEBSITE:

23 (a) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS:

24 (I) BY TRANSIT ROUTE:

25 (A) DATA ON RIDERSHIP, INCLUDING TOTAL RIDERSHIP AND  
26 WEEKEND AND WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP;

27 (B) ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, INCLUDING A CLEAR DEFINITION OF

1 WHAT CONSTITUTES ON-TIME PERFORMANCE;

2 (C) FAREBOX RECOVERY RATIO;

3 (D) BOARDINGS PER HOUR; AND

4 (E) RELIABILITY OF SERVICE; AND

5 (II) PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING PERFORMANCE TARGETS

6 RELATING TO RIDERSHIP GROWTH AND SERVICE PROVISION;

7 (b) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT SHOWS THE

8 DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE STATISTICS REGARDING EMPLOYEE RETENTION,

9 RECRUITMENT, AND VACANCIES;

10 (c) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD ON TRANSIT SAFETY,

11 INCLUDING DATA ON PASSENGER SAFETY AND DRIVER SAFETY;

12 (d) A PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY DASHBOARD THAT PROVIDES, AT

13 A MINIMUM, ACCESSIBLE AND TRANSPARENT SUMMARY INFORMATION

14 REGARDING EACH OF THE DISTRICT'S IN-PROGRESS CAPITAL PROJECTS THAT

15 EXCEEDS TEN MILLION DOLLARS; THE FUNDING STATUS OF EACH PROJECT,

16 INCLUDING THE PROJECT'S TOTAL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES TO DATE;

17 AND THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD THE COMPLETION OF EACH

18 PROJECT;

19 (e) A SUMMARY PAGE FOR PLANNED SERVICE CHANGES THAT

20 INCLUDES DETAILED TIMING CHANGES; THE REASONS FOR ANY PLANNED

21 CHANGES; AND THE IMPACTS OF THE PLANNED CHANGES, INCLUDING

22 EFFECTS ON LOCAL TRANSFERS; AND

23 (f) THE DISTRICT'S PROGRESS TOWARD MEETING THE

24 PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND TARGETS IDENTIFIED IN ITS TEN-YEAR

25 STRATEGIC PLAN PURSUANT TO SECTION 32-5-165 (1). THE DISTRICT

26 SHALL UPDATE THIS PROGRESS ON A QUARTERLY BASIS.

27 (2) THE DISTRICT SHALL FIRST CREATE AND PUBLISH THE

1 INFORMATION REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (1) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER  
2 THAN DECEMBER 1, 2025.

3 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL REVIEW AND UPDATE THE DASHBOARDS  
4 AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

5 **32-9-167. Required policy updates - service policies and**  
6 **standards - equitable transit-oriented development policy - service**  
7 **buy-up policy - communication protocols - parking policies and**  
8 **strategies.** (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND EVERY TWO  
9 YEARS THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE ITS SERVICE POLICIES  
10 AND STANDARDS TO:

11 (a) DEFINE AND MAP TRANSIT PROPENSITY BASED ON POPULATION  
12 DENSITY, INCOME, DIVERSITY, MOTOR VEHICLE OWNERSHIP, AND OTHER  
13 CHARACTERISTICS THAT INFLUENCE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP;

14 (b) ESTABLISH A CLEAR AND TRANSPARENT PROCESS FOR SERVICE  
15 CHANGES, UNDER WHICH PROPOSED CHANGES INCLUDE PUBLICLY  
16 ACCESSIBLE INFORMATION OUTLINING THE REASONS FOR THE CHANGES  
17 AND HOW THEY ALIGN WITH IDENTIFIED PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND  
18 THE COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

19 (c) WORK WITH ENTITIES HOSTING SPECIAL EVENTS TO FACILITATE  
20 INCREASED RIDERSHIP TO AND FROM THE EVENTS, SO LONG AS THE  
21 FACILITATION OF INCREASED RIDERSHIP IS ADDITIVE TO EXISTING SERVICE;  
22 AND

23 (d) EVALUATE AND SET CLEAR AND OBJECTIVE STANDARDS FOR  
24 THE PRODUCTIVITY OF EXISTING ROUTES AND SERVICES, INCLUDING  
25 PROVIDING FOR SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS ON THOSE ROUTES IF THEY DO NOT  
26 MEET THE IDENTIFIED STANDARDS.

27 (2) ON OR BEFORE APRIL 10, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE

1 ITS EQUITABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT POLICY TO:

2 (a) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE TRANSIT-ORIENTED POLICIES AND  
3 HOUSING OPPORTUNITY GOALS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 2 OF ARTICLE 35 OF  
4 TITLE 29;

5 (b) ALIGN WITH APPLICABLE LOCAL GOVERNMENT PARKING  
6 REQUIREMENTS AS DESCRIBED IN PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF TITLE 29; AND

7 (c) ENABLE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND  
8 DENSE, WALKABLE, MIXED-USED COMMUNITIES NEAR TRANSIT STATIONS  
9 AND ROUTES.

10 (3) (a) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL  
11 UPDATE ITS SERVICE BUY-UP POLICY IN CONSULTATION WITH  
12 STAKEHOLDERS, INCLUDING LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, TO OUTLINE A PROCESS  
13 FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESS PARTNERS TO PROPOSE TO  
14 PURCHASE ADDITIONAL SERVICES FROM THE DISTRICT.

15 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL EVALUATE THESE ADDITIONAL SERVICE  
16 PROPOSALS AND, WHERE FEASIBLE, CREATE PLANS TO ACCOMMODATE THE  
17 PROPOSALS.

18 (4) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 31, 2025, THE DISTRICT SHALL  
19 CREATE AND PERIODICALLY UPDATE, AS NECESSARY, A POLICY OUTLINING  
20 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS FOR:

21 (a) PLANNED AND UNPLANNED SERVICE DISRUPTIONS;

22 (b) SERVICE SUBSTITUTIONS; AND

23 (c) CONTINGENCY PLANS FOR SERVICE DISRUPTIONS AND  
24 SUBSTITUTIONS.

25 (5) THE DISTRICT SHALL WORK WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS WITHIN  
26 ITS SERVICE TERRITORY TO IMPLEMENT PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION  
27 DEMAND MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES AND POLICIES TO OPTIMIZE THE USE

1 OF NEW AND EXISTING PARKING SUPPLY, AS IDENTIFIED IN THE BEST  
2 PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS DEVELOPED  
3 PURSUANT TO SECTION 29-35-305.

4 **32-9-168. EcoPass program - bulk purchasers - apartment**  
5 **building survey - report - definitions.** (1) AS USED IN THIS SECTION,  
6 UNLESS THE CONTEXT OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

7 (a) "BULK PURCHASER" MEANS AN ENTITY THAT HAS A LEGAL  
8 RELATIONSHIP WITH AND THAT PROVIDES GOODS OR SERVICES TO A GROUP  
9 OF EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS. "BULK PURCHASER" INCLUDES,  
10 WITHOUT LIMITATION, AN EMPLOYER, A BUILDING OWNER OR MANAGER,  
11 A LOCAL GOVERNMENT, A BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, A BUSINESS  
12 OR TRADE ASSOCIATION, A HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATION, A NEIGHBORHOOD  
13 ASSOCIATION, A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, OR ANY COMBINATION OF  
14 SUCH ENTITIES.

15 (b) "COVERED DEVELOPMENT" MEANS A DEVELOPMENT THAT IS IN  
16 AN AREA COVERED BY THE REQUIREMENTS OF PART 3 OF ARTICLE 35 OF  
17 TITLE 29 AND THAT HAS RECEIVED LAND USE APPROVAL AFTER JUNE 30,  
18 2025, FOR A MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT; ADAPTIVE RE-USE  
19 FOR RESIDENTIAL PURPOSES; OR ADAPTIVE RE-USE MIXED-USE PURPOSES  
20 THAT INCLUDE AT LEAST FIFTY PERCENT OF USE FOR RESIDENTIAL  
21 PURPOSES.

22 (c) "ECO PASS PROGRAM" MEANS A PROGRAM OPERATED BY THE  
23 DISTRICT THAT PROVIDES ANNUAL PREPAID TRANSIT PASSES FOR  
24 UNLIMITED USAGE OF THE DISTRICT'S TRANSIT SERVICES. "ECO PASS  
25 PROGRAM" INCLUDES THE ECO PASS AND NEIGHBORHOOD ECO PASS  
26 PROGRAMS, OR THEIR SUCCESSOR PROGRAMS.

27 (2) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL ADMINISTER AN OUTREACH PROGRAM

1 TO PROMOTE THE EcoPASS PROGRAM TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN  
2 CONDUCTING OUTREACH, THE DISTRICT SHALL PRESENT THE FOLLOWING  
3 INFORMATION TO THE BULK PURCHASER:

4 (I) SUCCINCT INFORMATION ON CURRENT AND PLANNED TRANSIT  
5 SERVICE WITHIN THE AREA RELEVANT TO THE BULK PURCHASER,  
6 INCLUDING INFORMATION ON THE PROXIMITY, FREQUENCY, AND  
7 POPULARITY OF APPLICABLE TRANSIT ROUTES; AND

8 (II) THE ESTIMATED PER-USER COST EXPRESSED IN PER-YEAR AND  
9 PER-MONTH TERMS. IF THE BULK PURCHASER IS AN EMPLOYER, THE  
10 PER-USER COST MUST INCLUDE THE AMOUNT OF THE ALTERNATIVE  
11 TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS TAX CREDIT ALLOWED PURSUANT TO SECTION  
12 39-22-509.

13 (b) THE OUTREACH PROGRAM MUST INCLUDE PERIODIC PROACTIVE  
14 OUTREACH TO BULK PURCHASERS. IN CONDUCTING PROACTIVE OUTREACH,  
15 THE DISTRICT SHALL PRIORITIZE BULK PURCHASERS IN AND NEAR TRANSIT  
16 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (9), NEIGHBORHOOD  
17 CENTERS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-202 (5), AND APPLICABLE TRANSIT  
18 SERVICE AREAS, AS DEFINED IN SECTION 29-35-302 (3).

19 (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL CONDUCT THE OUTREACH PROGRAM IN  
20 COORDINATION WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS  
21 AND WITH TRANSPORTATION MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATIONS THAT PARTNER  
22 WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENT'S "WAY TO GO"  
23 PROGRAM.

24 (3) (a) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,  
25 MINIMIZE THE ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD FOR BULK PURCHASERS AND  
26 THE RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, INCLUDING THE BULK  
27 PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS.

1           (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,  
2 ENROLL ALL RECIPIENTS OF BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES AT ONE TIME,  
3 RATHER THAN ENROLLING A BULK PURCHASER'S EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS,  
4 OR MEMBERS ON AN INDIVIDUAL BASIS.

5           (c) THE DISTRICT SHALL, TO THE GREATEST EXTENT FEASIBLE,  
6 ALLOW A GROUP OF RELATED BULK PURCHASERS THAT SEEKS TO PROVIDE  
7 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO EMPLOYEES, RESIDENTS, OR MEMBERS  
8 OF EACH RELATED BULK PURCHASER TO APPLY WITH ONE APPLICATION FOR  
9 ENROLLMENT IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM.

10          (4) (a) NO LATER THAN ONE YEAR AFTER THE DATE THAT THE  
11 FIRST RESIDENT MOVES INTO A COVERED DEVELOPMENT, THE COVERED  
12 DEVELOPMENT SHALL SURVEY ITS RESIDENTS ABOUT THE RESIDENTS'  
13 INTEREST IN HAVING THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT PROVIDE  
14 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES TO ITS RESIDENTS. THE SURVEY MUST  
15 INCLUDE THE PER-USER COST OF THE BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, AS  
16 PROVIDED BY THE DISTRICT.

17          (b) IF A MAJORITY OF RESIDENTS RESPOND TO THE SURVEY THAT  
18 THEY WOULD LIKE THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT TO PROVIDE  
19 BULK-PURCHASED EcoPASSES, THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT SHALL  
20 ENROLL IN THE EcoPASS PROGRAM FOR ITS RESIDENTS. THE OWNER OR  
21 MANAGER OF THE COVERED DEVELOPMENT IS THE CENTRALIZED PAYER OF  
22 THE COSTS AND FEES ASSOCIATED WITH THE EcoPASS PROGRAM, WHICH  
23 IT MAY RECOUP FROM ITS RESIDENTS.

24          (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL CREATE  
25 AND PUBLISH AN ONLINE SURVEY TOOL THAT COVERED DEVELOPMENTS  
26 MAY USE TO CONDUCT THE SURVEY REQUIRED BY THIS SUBSECTION (4).

27          (5) (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR BEFORE

1 EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON THE  
2 ECOPASS PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF  
3 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
4 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,  
5 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. THE REPORT MUST INCLUDE  
6 INFORMATION CONCERNING:

7 (I) THE DISTRICT'S OUTREACH EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN  
8 SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING QUANTITATIVE DETAILS ON  
9 THE DISTRICT'S PROACTIVE OUTREACH;

10 (II) THE DISTRICT'S ADMINISTRATIVE EFFORTS, AS DESCRIBED IN  
11 SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION; AND

12 (III) THE SURVEY REQUIRED FOR COVERED DEVELOPMENTS, AS  
13 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (4) OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING THE NUMBER  
14 AND RESULTS OF THE SURVEYS CONDUCTED.

15 (b) NOTWITHSTANDING THE REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136  
16 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS  
17 SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES INDEFINITELY.

18 **32-9-169. Income-based fare discount program - enrollment**  
19 **targets - reports - legislative declaration. (1) Legislative declaration.**

20 THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FINDS AND DECLARES THAT:

21 (a) INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY FOR PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFTEN  
22 FACE BARRIERS TO ENROLLING IN BENEFITS FOR WHICH THEY ARE  
23 ELIGIBLE, INCLUDING ADMINISTRATIVE WORKLOAD AND STIGMA; AND

24 (b) TO REDUCE THESE BARRIERS, THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION  
25 DISTRICT SHALL UPDATE THE ENROLLMENT PROCESS FOR ITS  
26 INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

27 (2) **Enrollment and eligibility certification.** (a) ON OR BEFORE

1 JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL DEVELOP WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S  
2 MOBILE APPLICATION A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT TO APPLY AND  
3 QUALIFY FOR THE DISTRICT'S INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.  
4 THE DISTRICT SHALL ELIMINATE ALL OTHER APPLICATION METHODS FOR  
5 THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

6 (b) BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2026, THE DISTRICT SHALL ENROLL  
7 IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM ALL APPLICANTS WHO  
8 SELF-CERTIFY THEIR ELIGIBILITY VIA A SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT  
9 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

10 (c) AT THE EXPIRATION OF AN INDIVIDUAL'S THREE MONTHS OF  
11 INITIAL ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM,  
12 THE DISTRICT MAY REQUIRE THE INDIVIDUAL TO PROVIDE PROOF OF  
13 ELIGIBILITY BEYOND THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT. THE DISTRICT  
14 SHALL ACCEPT MULTIPLE FORMS OF PROOF OF ELIGIBILITY, INCLUDING  
15 PROOF OF THE INDIVIDUAL'S ENROLLMENT IN A PUBLIC ASSISTANCE  
16 PROGRAM THAT THE DISTRICT DETERMINES QUALIFIES THE INDIVIDUAL  
17 FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

18 (3) THE DISTRICT SHALL WIDELY PUBLICIZE THE CHANGE IN  
19 APPLICATION PROCEDURE FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT  
20 PROGRAM AND THE AVAILABILITY OF THE SELF-CERTIFICATION AFFIDAVIT  
21 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2)(a) OF THIS SECTION.

22 (4) **Enrollment targets.** THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE  
23 DISTRICT SHALL ADOPT ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED  
24 FARE DISCOUNT PROGRAM.

25 (5) **Reports.** (a) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31, 2026, AND ON OR  
26 BEFORE EACH JANUARY 31 THEREAFTER, THE DISTRICT SHALL REPORT ON  
27 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN THE INCOME-BASED FARE

1 DISCOUNT PROGRAM TO A JOINT SESSION OF THE HOUSE OF  
2 REPRESENTATIVES TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
3 COMMITTEE AND THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE,  
4 OR THEIR SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES. NOTWITHSTANDING THE  
5 REQUIREMENT IN SECTION 24-1-136 (11)(a)(I), THE REQUIREMENT TO  
6 SUBMIT THE REPORT REQUIRED IN THIS SUBSECTION (5)(a) CONTINUES  
7 INDEFINITELY.

8 (b) THE DISTRICT SHALL PERIODICALLY REPORT TO THE BOARD ON  
9 ITS EFFORTS TO INCREASE ENROLLMENT IN AND MEET ITS ESTABLISHED  
10 ENROLLMENT TARGETS FOR THE INCOME-BASED FARE DISCOUNT  
11 PROGRAM.

12 **SECTION 5.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 43-1-106, **amend**  
13 (15) introductory portion; and **add** (15)(f) as follows:

14 **43-1-106. Transportation commission - efficiency and**  
15 **accountability committee - powers and duties - report - rules -**  
16 **definitions.** (15) In addition to any other duties required by law, the  
17 commission ~~shall have~~ HAS the following charges:

18 (f) ON OR BEFORE MARCH 31, 2026, TO DEVELOP AND PUBLISH  
19 BEST PRACTICES AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE MATERIALS CONCERNING  
20 THE CREATION OF REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITIES PURSUANT  
21 TO THE "REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY LAW", PART 6 OF  
22 ARTICLE 4 OF THIS TITLE 43, TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR TRANSIT AND TO  
23 PROVIDE ADDITIONAL TRANSIT SERVICES WITHIN THE STATE.

24 **SECTION 6.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-109.5, **amend**  
25 (4) as follows: \_\_\_\_\_

26 **32-9-109.5. Board of directors - membership - powers.** (4) All  
27 powers, duties, functions, rights, and privileges vested in the district shall

1 be exercised and performed by the board; except that the exercise of any  
2 executive, administrative, or ministerial powers may be delegated by the  
3 board to officers and employees of the district. THESE POWERS, DUTIES,  
4 FUNCTIONS, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES INCLUDE, IN ADDITION TO ANY  
5 OTHER POWERS AND DUTIES SPECIFIED IN THIS ARTICLE 9:

6 (a) SETTING POLICY OBJECTIVES TO BE IMPLEMENTED BY  
7 EMPLOYEES OF THE DISTRICT;

8 (b) HIRING AND MANAGING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL MANAGER  
9 AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER;

10 (c) OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S GENERAL COUNSEL;

11 (d) DEVELOPING, ADOPTING, AND OVERSEEING THE DISTRICT'S  
12 BUDGET, INCLUDING AN ANNUAL CAPITAL BUDGET WITH PROJECT COSTS  
13 AND FINANCING MECHANISMS;

14 (e) DEVELOPING AND APPROVING THE DISTRICT'S TEN-YEAR  
15 STRATEGIC PLAN AND COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONAL ANALYSIS;

16 (f) ENGAGING WITH CONSTITUENTS, LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, THE  
17 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF  
18 GOVERNMENTS, TRANSIT AGENCIES, AND COMMUNITY PARTNERS TO  
19 OBTAIN INPUT AND FEEDBACK ON THE DISTRICT'S DECISIONS AND  
20 OPERATIONS;

21 (g) PURSUING OPPORTUNITIES TO GROW TRANSIT RIDERSHIP AND  
22 MAKE TRANSIT SERVICES COMPETITIVE WITH DRIVING; ==

23 (h) DEVELOPING AND PROMOTING STRATEGIES AND LEGISLATION  
24 TO ENSURE THAT THE DISTRICT HAS THE RESOURCES IT NEEDS TO  
25 IMPLEMENT ITS STRATEGIC TEN-YEAR PLAN; AND

26 (i) MEETING QUARTERLY WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF  
27 TRANSPORTATION AND WITH THE DENVER REGIONAL COUNCIL OF

1 GOVERNMENTS AND MEETING BIANNUALLY WITH ANY LABOR  
2 ORGANIZATION, AS DEFINED IN 24-34-401 (6), THAT REPRESENTS SOME OR  
3 ALL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES.

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5 **SECTION 7.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 32-9-111, **add** (5)(g)  
6 as follows:

7 **32-9-111. Election of directors - dates - terms.** (5) (g) (I) A  
8 CANDIDATE FOR ELECTED DIRECTOR IS NOT ELIGIBLE FOR ELECTION AS A  
9 WRITE-IN CANDIDATE.

10 (II) (A) IF, FOR ANY DISTRICT ELECTION, THERE IS NOT A  
11 CANDIDATE FOR DIRECTOR WHO IS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION PURSUANT  
12 TO THIS SECTION, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED IN LIEU OF THE DIRECTOR  
13 BEING ELECTED BY THE ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DISTRICT. IN SUCH  
14 CASE, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
15 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT IS  
16 LOCATED OR, IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT IN THE CITY AND  
17 COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE MAYOR OF THE  
18 CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE CITY COUNCIL.  
19 IN THE CASE OF A DIRECTOR DISTRICT THAT CONTAINS TERRITORY IN TWO  
20 OR MORE COUNTIES, OR IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER AND IN ONE  
21 OR MORE COUNTIES, A DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY  
22 COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY IN WHICH THE LARGEST NUMBER OF  
23 ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT RESIDE; EXCEPT THAT, IF  
24 THE LARGEST NUMBER OF ELIGIBLE ELECTORS OF THE DIRECTOR DISTRICT  
25 RESIDE IN THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER, THE DIRECTOR IS APPOINTED  
26 BY THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF DENVER WITH THE APPROVAL  
27 OF THE CITY COUNCIL.

1 (B) A DIRECTOR APPOINTED PURSUANT TO THIS SUBSECTION  
2 (5)(g)(II) SERVES UNTIL THE NEXT REGULAR NOVEMBER ELECTION, AT  
3 WHICH THE DIRECTOR POSITION IS FILLED BY ELECTION PURSUANT TO THIS  
4 SECTION.

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6 **SECTION 8.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, **add** 24-38.5-123 as  
7 follows:

8 **24-38.5-123. Regional transportation district accountability**  
9 **committee - creation - membership - report - definitions - repeal.**

10 (1) **Definitions.** AS USED IN THIS SECTION, UNLESS THE CONTEXT  
11 OTHERWISE REQUIRES:

12 (a) "COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE" OR "OFFICE" MEANS THE  
13 COLORADO ENERGY OFFICE CREATED IN SECTION 24-38.5-101.

14 (b) "DISTRICT" MEANS THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
15 CREATED IN ARTICLE 9 OF TITLE 32.

16 (c) "RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE" OR "COMMITTEE" MEANS  
17 THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE  
18 CREATED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION.

19 (2) **Membership.** (a) THERE IS CREATED IN THE COLORADO  
20 ENERGY OFFICE THE REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION DISTRICT  
21 ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE. THE PURPOSE OF THE COMMITTEE IS TO  
22 EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING THE DISTRICT AS  
23 DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (3) OF THIS SECTION.

24 (b) (I) THE COMMITTEE CONSISTS OF THIRTEEN VOTING MEMBERS  
25 AND TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS AS FOLLOWS:

26 (A) FIVE VOTING MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR,  
27 INCLUDING THE CHAIR OF THE COMMITTEE;

- 1 (B) THREE VOTING MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS  
2 TWENTY-TWO YEARS OF AGE OR YOUNGER AND WHO USES DISTRICT  
3 SERVICES, APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
- 4 (C) ONE VOTING MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER  
5 OF THE SENATE;
- 6 (D) THREE VOTING MEMBERS, INCLUDING ONE MEMBER WHO IS A  
7 FORMER MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT,  
8 APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES;
- 9 (E) ONE MEMBER APPOINTED BY THE MINORITY LEADER OF THE  
10 HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES; AND
- 11 (F) TWO EX OFFICIO NONVOTING MEMBERS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF  
12 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT AND WHO ARE APPOINTED BY  
13 THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE DISTRICT.
- 14 (II) IN APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE COMMITTEE, THE APPOINTING  
15 AUTHORITIES SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE HAS  
16 EXPERTISE IN ALL OF THE FOLLOWING AREAS:
- 17 (A) LOCAL GOVERNMENT WITHIN THE DISTRICT'S SERVICE AREA;  
18 (B) ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT;  
19 (C) HUMAN RESOURCES;  
20 (D) MULTIMODAL TRANSPORTATION;  
21 (E) TRANSPORTATION EQUITY;  
22 (F) ISSUES IMPACTING TRANSIT RIDERS WITH DISABILITIES;  
23 (G) FINANCIAL PLANNING AND MANAGEMENT;  
24 (H) URBAN PLANNING;  
25 (I) WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND LABOR; AND  
26 (J) SAFETY.
- 27 (c) (I) THE APPOINTING AUTHORITIES SHALL MAKE THE

1 APPOINTMENTS DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION (2) OF THIS SECTION NO LATER  
2 THAN AUGUST 1, 2025.

3 (II) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES AT THE PLEASURE  
4 OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY. THE TERM OF APPOINTMENT IS FOR THE  
5 DURATION OF THE COMMITTEE'S EXISTENCE.

6 (III) IF A VACANCY OCCURS ON THE COMMITTEE FOR ANY REASON,  
7 THE ORIGINAL APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL APPOINT AN INDIVIDUAL TO  
8 FILL THE VACANCY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE VACANCY OCCURS.  
9 IN MAKING THE VACANCY APPOINTMENT, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY  
10 SHALL ENSURE THAT THE COMMITTEE MAINTAINS THE EXPERTISE  
11 REQUIRED BY SUBSECTION (2)(b)(II) OF THIS SECTION.

12 (d) EACH MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE SERVES WITHOUT  
13 COMPENSATION.

14 (e) MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE MAY PARTICIPATE REMOTELY IN  
15 COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES.

16 (f) THE OFFICE SHALL BE AVAILABLE TO ASSIST THE COMMITTEE IN  
17 CARRYING OUT ITS DUTIES.

18 (3) **Evaluation and recommendations.** (a) THE PURPOSE OF THE  
19 COMMITTEE IS TO EVALUATE AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON:

20 (I) THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
21 AND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

22 (II) COMPENSATION FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND  
23 EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP OF THE DISTRICT;

24 (III) THE REPRESENTATION OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS AND STATE  
25 AGENCIES WITHIN THE DISTRICT; AND

26 (IV) THE DISTRICT'S WORKFORCE RETENTION.

27 (b) THE COMMITTEE'S WORK IS INTENDED TO BUILD ON THE WORK

1 OF THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE CREATED IN 2020.  
2 THE COMMITTEE SHOULD BEGIN ITS EVALUATION PURSUANT TO THIS  
3 SUBSECTION (3) WITH AN ASSESSMENT OF THE STATUS OF EACH  
4 RECOMMENDATION INCLUDED IN THE PREVIOUS RTD ACCOUNTABILITY  
5 COMMITTEE'S JULY 2021 FINAL REPORT, INCLUDING ASSESSMENT OF  
6 EXISTING DISTRICT SUBREGIONAL SERVICE COUNCILS AND IDENTIFICATION  
7 OF OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE THE SCOPE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
8 SERVICE COUNCILS.

9 (c) ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 30, 2026, THE COMMITTEE SHALL  
10 SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
11 TRANSPORTATION, HOUSING, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE, AND  
12 THE SENATE TRANSPORTATION AND ENERGY COMMITTEE, OR THEIR  
13 SUCCESSOR COMMITTEES, THAT INCLUDES A SUMMARY OF THE WORK  
14 ACCOMPLISHED BY THE RTD ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE, THE FINDINGS  
15 OF ITS EVALUATION, AND ANY RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL  
16 ASSEMBLY CONCERNING MATTERS EVALUATED BY THE COMMITTEE.

17 (4) **Repeal.** THIS SECTION IS REPEALED, EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026.

18 **SECTION 9. Safety clause.** The general assembly finds,  
19 determines, and declares that this act is necessary for the immediate  
20 preservation of the public peace, health, or safety or for appropriations for  
21 the support and maintenance of the departments of the state and state  
22 institutions.