



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1243

LCO No. 4173



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

AN ACT CONCERNING FARE-FREE BUS PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS, VETERANS AND LOW-INCOME PASSENGERS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2025,
2 the Department of Transportation shall establish and maintain a
3 program to provide fare-free bus public transportation services for (1)
4 students who are enrolled in grades nine to twelve, inclusive, in a public
5 school in the state, (2) veterans, as defined in subsection (a) of section
6 27-103 of the general statutes, and (3) persons who participate in the
7 state-administered federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program
8 or state-administered federal Low Income Home Energy Assistance
9 Program or receive assistance provided by Operation Fuel,
10 Incorporated. The cost of such transportation services shall be paid from
11 the funds appropriated to the Department of Transportation. The
12 department shall make applications for a fare-free transit identification
13 card available to such persons and any such identification card shall
14 include a photograph of such person.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To provide fare-free bus public transportation services for high school students, veterans and low-income passengers.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]