

General Assembly

February Session, 2024

Substitute Bill No. 281

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AN ACT CONCERNING PROPOSED FARE AND SERVICE CHANGES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

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

Section 1. Section 13b-38h of the general statutes is repealed and the
 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2024*):

(a) The Department of Transportation shall provide for changes in
fares for mass transportation by land in accordance with the provisions
of this section and shall not be required to conform to the procedures in
chapter 54.

7 (b) Prior to adopting any change in fares for mass transportation by land, the department shall (1) give notice of the proposed fare change, 8 9 its amount and the date it is proposed to take effect by advertising, at 10 least once, in one or more newspapers having general circulation in all 11 areas of the state that may be affected by such change in fares, and (2) in 12 such notice, provide information on the time and place a public hearing 13 is to be held on such proposed change. Such notice shall be [posted] 14 provided at least fifteen days prior to such public hearing. The department shall, at least fifteen days prior to such public hearing, send 15 16 a copy of such notice to the chairpersons and ranking members of the 17 joint standing committees of the General Assembly having cognizance 18 of matters relating to transportation and [to] finance and to the <u>Connecticut Public Transportation Council, established under section</u>
 <u>13b-212b</u>. A public hearing on the proposed fare change shall be held at

- such time and place as will be convenient for public attendance.
- 22 (c) When the department is required to hold a public hearing

23 <u>regarding a proposed major service change to commuter rail service in</u>

- 24 accordance with the Federal Transit Administration Title VI Circular
- 25 <u>4702.1B</u>, as amended from time to time, the department shall, at least
- 26 <u>fifteen days prior to such public hearing, provide notice of such public</u>
- 27 <u>hearing to the chairpersons and ranking members of the joint standing</u>
- 28 committees of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters
- 29 relating to transportation and finance and to the Connecticut Public
- 30 <u>Transportation Council.</u>

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

Section 1	July 1, 2024	13b-38h

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