

SF334 - 0 - Safe Accessibility Training

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 Agency: **Metropolitan Council**

State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-

**LBO Analyst's Comment**

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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**State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details**

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

\*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

<b>State Cost (Savings) = 1-2</b>		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-
<b>2 - Revenues, Transfers In*</b>						
<b>Total</b>	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Biennial Total</b>			-			-

**Bill Description**

This bill requires that the Metropolitan Council to ensure that bus operators receive training on assisting persons with disabilities and mobility limitations to enter and leave the vehicle. The training must cover assistance in circumstances where regular access to or from the vehicle is unsafe due to snow, ice, or other obstructions. The language only applies to vehicle operators employed by the Metropolitan Council or by a replacement service provider. This section also requires the council to consult with the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee on the training.

**Assumptions**

No additional costs would be incurred by the Metropolitan Council because of this section based on the following assumptions

Assumption 1: Requirements are interpreted to apply only to Metropolitan Council employees.

Assumption 2: Currently, Metro Transit trains operators on the topics covered by this bill as part of the existing training curriculum, and no incremental training or expenses would be incurred.

Assumption 3: Metro Mobility and Transit Link drivers are already trained to Special Transportation Service standards; existing training in these programs covers the requirements described in the bill.

Assumption 4: The Council assumes that the consultation with the Transportation Accessibility Advisory Committee will result in advice that could be integrated into existing training budgets and schedules.

**Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula**

N/A

**Long-Term Fiscal Considerations**

N/A

**Local Fiscal Impact**

N/A

**References/Sources**

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