

S.F. No. 2506 – Transit Enforcement and Intervention

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S.F. 2506 amends requirements governing transit enforcement, revises criminal and behavioral requirements on transit service, create a temporary transit service intervention project for the light rail transit system, and appropriates funds for the transit intervention project.

Section 1 [Transit passenger activities] sets requirements for passenger behavior on the Metro Transit system.

Subdivision 1 requires the Metropolitan Council to adopt and post a rider code of conduct at each light rail transit station and each park-and-ride station. The code of conduct must not prohibit sleeping in a manner that does not violate conduct requirements.

Subdivision 2 authorizes law enforcement officers to remove transit passengers from a transit vehicle or transit facility if the passenger violates the code of conduct established in **subdivision 1**.

Section 2 [Prohibited activities] clarifies that a law enforcement officer may remove a transit passenger from a transit vehicle or facility if the passenger violates the enumerated list of prohibited activities in current law.

Section 3 [Transit service intervention project] establishes a project to perform interventions on light rail transit lines with coordinated efforts between law enforcement and social service entities.

Subdivision 1 defines terms.

Subdivision 2 establishes the transit service intervention project.

Subdivision 3 requires the governor to appoint a project manager by March 13, 2023, to implement the intervention project.

Subdivision 4 requires the project manager to convene a working group of project partners to coordinate the implementation of the intervention project.

Subdivision 5 specifies the duties of the project manager in collaboration with participating entities. Responsibilities include (1) establishing intervention teams of social service personnel; (2) coordinating intervention teams with social service personnel, community service officers, and law enforcement officers; and (3) implementing interventions in two phases on light rail transit lines and facilities.

Subdivision 6 directs the Metropolitan Council to provide staff assistance and administrative support.

Subdivision 7 sets an expiration date of December 31, 2023.

Section 4 [Appropriation; transit service intervention project] appropriates an unspecified sum from the general fund to the Metropolitan Council for the Transit Service Intervention Project, including costs of a project manager and grants to participating organizations as specified by the project manager.