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HOUSE BILL DRH10312-LM-109

Short Title: Public Transportation/Risk Reduction Programs. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Dahle.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT PROVIDING THAT THE UTILITIES COMMISSION IN CONJUNCTION WITH
3 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY SHALL REQUIRE ALL COMMON
4 CARRIERS OF PASSENGERS TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A RISK REDUCTION
5 PROGRAM TO REDUCE INCIDENCES AND OCCURRENCES OF ACCIDENTS,
6 INJURIES, ASSAULTS, AND DEATHS ON OPERATORS AND PASSENGERS.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Article 10 of Chapter 62 of the General Statutes is amended by adding
9 a new section to read as follows:

10 "**§ 62-213. Safety risk reduction programs for common carriers of passengers.**

11 The Commission, in conjunction with the Department of Public Safety, shall require all
12 common carriers of passengers, including common carriers by rail, under the supervision of the
13 Commission to develop and implement a risk reduction program to improve safety by reducing
14 the incidences and occurrences of accidents, injuries, assaults, and deaths on operators and
15 passengers. In developing the program, carriers shall conduct appropriate risk analysis, consider
16 appropriate measures to ensure the safety of operators and passengers, and consult with operators
17 and their authorized representatives about potential risks and dangers that should be addressed.

18 Carriers shall do all of the following:

- 19 (1) Implement appropriate safety measures, including technology and
20 infrastructure, such as barriers to restrict the entry of individuals or objects
21 that may pose a threat to operators or passengers.
22 (2) Train operators in de-escalation tactics.
23 (3) Annually update the risk reduction program, including the implementation of
24 additional or new safety measures.
25 (4) Collect data on each accident, injury, assault, or death, and make that data
26 accessible to the operators or their authorized representatives.
27 (5) Repair and replace, as needed, technology and infrastructure used or installed
28 pursuant to this section."

29 SECTION 2. This act becomes effective January 1, 2022.

