

# H.F. 2045

#### With H2045A1 author's amendment

Subject Transit intervention and enforcement

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## **Overview**

This bill, as proposed to be amended by the H2045A1 amendment, would revise criminal and behavioral requirements on transit service, create a temporary transit service intervention project for the light rail transit system, and appropriate funds for the intervention project. The provisions are effective the day after enactment.

## **Summary**

#### **Section Description**

1 [Adds § 473.4065] Transit passenger activities.

Sets requirements related to passenger behavior on the Metro Transit system.

**Subd. 1. Code of conduct.** Directs the Metropolitan Council to establish and post a rider code of conduct.

**Subd. 2. Prohibited activities; removal from premises.** Authorizes law enforcement officers to remove transit passengers from buses, trains, and facilities for various specified violations.

2 Prohibited activities; misdemeanor.

Eliminates some types of violations from being a misdemeanor while riding on a transit vehicle, including playing amplified music, consuming food or beverages without authorization, and bringing an animal without authorization.

3 Transit Service Intervention Project.

Establishes a project to perform interventions on light rail transit lines that involves coordinated efforts between law enforcement and social service entities.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Defines terms.

**Subd. 2. Establishment.** Creates the intervention project.

### **Section Description**

**Subd. 3. Project manager.** Directs the governor to appoint a project manager by March 13, 2023, to handle project implementation.

**Subd. 4. Participating organizations.** Directs the project manager to arrange for project coordinating through participation by a number of listed state and local entities.

**Subd. 5. Duties.** Specifies the duties of the project manager in coordination with participating entities, which include (1) establishing intervention teams of social services personnel, and (2) creating two intervention phases (the first for only social services, and the second for social services along with law enforcement).

**Subd. 6. Administration.** Directs the Metropolitan Council to provide staff support.

**Subd. 7. Reports.** Sets monthly status reporting requirements.

**Subd. 8. Expiration.** Makes the intervention project expire June 30, 2024.

## 4 Appropriation; Transit Service Intervention Project.

Appropriates a total of \$1.05 million 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.



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