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1.1	A bill for an act			
1.2 1.3 1.4 1.5	relating to transit; amending requirements governing transit enforcement; establishing a transit service intervention project; establishing a working group; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.855, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.			
1.6	BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:			
1.7	Section 1. [473.4065] TRANSIT PASSENGER ACTIVITIES.			
1.8	Subdivision 1. Code of conduct. (a) The council must adopt a rider code of conduct for			
1.9	transit passengers. The council must post a copy of the code of conduct in a prominent			
1.10	location at each light rail transit station and each park-and-ride station.			
1.11	(b) The code of conduct must not prohibit sleeping in a manner that does not otherwise			
1.12	violate conduct requirements.			
1.13	Subd. 2. Violations. A peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, subdivision 1,			
1.14	paragraph (c), may order a person to depart a transit vehicle or transit facility for a violation			
1.15	of the rider code of conduct established under subdivision 1.			
1.16	<b>EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.</b> This section is effective the day following			
1.17	final enactment and applies in the counties of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey,			
1.18	Scott, and Washington.			
1.19	Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.855, subdivision 3, is amended to read:			
1.20	Subd. 3. Prohibited activities; misdemeanor. (a) A person is guilty of a misdemeanor			
1.21	who, while riding in a vehicle providing public transit service:			

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- (1) operates a radio, television, tape player, electronic musical instrument, or other 2.1 electronic device, other than a watch, which amplifies music, unless the sound emanates 2.2 only from earphones or headphones and except that vehicle operators may operate electronic 2.3 equipment for official business; 2.4 2.5 (2) smokes or carries lighted smoking paraphernalia; (3) consumes food or beverages, except when authorized by the operator or other official 2.6 of the transit system; 2.7 (4) throws or deposits litter; or 2.8 (5) carries or is in control of an animal without the operator's consent. 2.9 (b) A person is guilty of a violation of this subdivision only if the person continues to 2.10 act in violation of this subdivision after being warned once by an authorized transit 2.11 representative to stop the conduct.(b) A peace officer may order a person to depart a transit 2.12 vehicle or transit facility for a violation under paragraph (a). 2.13 2.14 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to violations committed on or after that date. 2.15 Sec. 3. TRANSIT SERVICE INTERVENTION PROJECT. 2.16 2.17 Subdivision 1. Definitions. (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given. 2.18 (b) "Council" means the Metropolitan Council established under Minnesota Statutes, 2.19 chapter 473. 2.20 (c) "Intervention project" means the Transit Service Intervention Project established in 2.21 this section. 2.22 Subd. 2. Establishment. A Transit Service Intervention Project is established to provide 2.23 coordinated, high-visibility interventions on light rail transit lines that provide for enhanced 2.24 social services outreach and engagement, code of conduct regulation, and law enforcement. 2.25 Subd. 3. Project manager. By March 13, 2023, the governor must appoint a project 2.26 manager to implement the intervention project. The project manager must have managerial 2.27 2.28 experience in social services, transit service, or law enforcement. Subd. 4. Working group. (a) The project manager must establish a working group of 2.29 2.30 project partners that provides for coordination on the intervention project.
- 2.31 (b) The working group consists of the following participants:

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3.1	(1) a representative from the Department of Human Services, appointed by the						
3.2	commissioner of human services;						
3.3	(2) a representative from the Depa	rtment of Public Safe	ty, appointed by the	commissioner			
3.4	of public safety;						
3.5	(3) a representative from the Metr	opolitan Council, app	pointed by the chair of	of the council;			
3.6	(4) one representative from each county within which a light rail transit line operates,						
3.7	appointed by the respective county b	appointed by the respective county board;					
3.8	(5) one representative from each	city within which a l	ight rail transit line	operates,			
3.9	appointed by the respective city cour	ncil;					
3.10	(6) the executive director of the 1	National Alliance on	Mental Illness Mint	nesota, or a			
3.11	designee; and						
3.12	(7) up to representatives fro	m community-based	social service orgar	nizations as			
3.13	designated by the governor.						
3.14	(c) By March 13, 2023, each app	ointing authority mu	st make the appoint	ments or			
3.15	designations under paragraph (b).						
3.16	Subd. 5. Duties. (a) In collaborat	tion with the working	group under subdiv	vision 4, the			
3.17	project manager must:						
3.18	(1) establish social services interve	ention teams that cons	ist of county-based s	social services			
3.19	personnel and personnel from nonprofit organizations having mental health services or						
3.20	support capacity to perform on-site social services engagement with (i) transit riders						
3.21	experiencing homelessness, (ii) trans	sit riders with substar	nce use disorders or	mental or			
3.22	behavioral health disorders, or (iii) a	combination;					
3.23	(2) establish coordinated interver	ntion teams that const	ist of personnel und	er clause (1),			
3.24	community service officers, and pea	ce officers;					
3.25	(3) implement interventions in two	vo phases as follows:					
3.26	(i) by April 3, 2023, and for a per	riod of three weeks, o	leploy the social ser	vices			
3.27	intervention teams on a mobile basis	s on light rail transit l	ines and facilities; a	und			
3.28	(ii) beginning at the conclusion of	of the period under ite	em (i), and for a per	iod of at least			
3.29	nine weeks, deploy the coordinated in	ntervention teams on	a mobile basis on lig	ght rail transit			
3.30	lines and facilities; and						

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4.1	(4) evaluate impacts of the intervention teams related to social services outreach, code					
4.2	of conduct violations, and rider expe	erience.				
4.3	(b) Social services engagement un	nder paragraph (a) inc	ludes but is not limite	d to outreach,		
4.4	preliminary assessment and screening, information and resource sharing, referral or					
4.5	connections to service providers, assi	istance in arranging f	for services, and precr	isis response.		
4.6	Subd. 6. Administration; meeti	<b>ngs.</b> (a) The council	must provide staff as	ssistance and		
4.7	administrative support for the project	<u>et.</u>				
4.8	(b) Members of the working grou	p under subdivision	4 may be compensate	d as provided		
4.9	by Minnesota Statutes, section 15.05	59, subdivision 3.				
4.10	(c) The task force is subject to th	e Minnesota Open N	Meeting Law under M	linnesota		
4.11	Statutes, chapter 13D.					
4.12	Subd. 7. Expiration. This section expires December 31, 2023.					
4.13	EFFECTIVE DATE. This secti	on is effective the da	ay following final ena	actment.		
4.14	Sec. 4. APPROPRIATION; TRA	ANSIT SERVICE I	NTERVENTION P	ROJECT.		
4.15	\$ in fiscal year 2023 is approximately	opriated from the ge	neral fund to the Met	ropolitan		
4.16	Council for implementation of the d	uties of the Transit S	Service Intervention I	Project under		
4.17	section 3, including but not limited to	o costs of a project m	anager and the interv	ention teams.		
4.18	This is a onetime appropriation and	is available until Jur	ne 30, 2024.			

4.19 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.