

HOUSE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

February 24, 2026
Date

Committee on Health & Human Services.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1063 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee on Appropriations with favorable recommendation:

1 Amend printed bill, strike everything below the enacting clause and
2 substitute:

3 "SECTION 1. In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-103, **amend**
4 (11.4)(c) as follows:

5 **25-3.5-103. Definitions.**

6 As used in this article 3.5, unless the context otherwise requires:
7 (11.4) (c) "Secure transportation" does not include urgent
8 transportation services provided by law enforcement ~~or personnel~~
9 ~~employed by or contracted with a law enforcement agency~~ to individuals
10 experiencing a behavioral health crisis; except that any member of a
11 co-responder team who is not law enforcement ~~or personnel employed by~~
12 ~~or contracted with a law enforcement agency~~ and who holds a valid
13 license for secure transportation by the ~~county in which the secure~~
14 ~~transportation originates~~ DEPARTMENT, in a vehicle with a valid permit
15 issued by the ~~county in which the secure transportation originates~~
16 DEPARTMENT, and which meets the minimum requirements for secure
17 transportation established by rule pursuant to section 25-3.5-311 may
18 provide urgent secure transportation services.

19 **SECTION 2.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-309, **amend**
20 (1) and (4) as follows:

21 **25-3.5-309. Secure transportation - license required - fees -**
22 **exceptions.**

23 (1) (a) After ~~January 1, 2023~~ JANUARY 1, 2027, an entity shall not
24 provide public or private secure transportation services, as defined in
25 section 25-3.5-103 (11.4), in this state unless ~~that~~ THE entity holds a valid
26 license issued by the ~~board of county commissioners of the county in~~
27 ~~which the secure transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT; except that

1 entities described in subsection (2) of this section may provide secure
2 transportation services.

3 (b) Licenses, permits, and renewals issued pursuant to this section
4 and section 25-3.5-310 require a fee in an amount to be determined by the
5 ~~board of county commissioners of the county in which the secure~~
6 ~~transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT to reflect the direct and
7 indirect costs incurred by the ~~county~~ DEPARTMENT in implementing
8 licenses for secure transportation.

9 (4) Each vehicle operated by a secure transportation licensee must
10 be issued a separate permit by the ~~board of county commissioners of the~~
11 ~~county in which the secure transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT
12 upon positive review pursuant to section 25-3.5-310.

13 **SECTION 3.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-310, **amend**
14 (1) and (2); and **add** (4) as follows:

15 **25-3.5-310. Secure transportation - issuance of licenses and**
16 **permits - term - requirements.**

17 (1) (a) After receipt of an original application for a license to
18 provide public or private secure transportation services, the ~~board of~~
19 ~~county commissioners of the county in which the secure transportation~~
20 ~~service is based~~ DEPARTMENT shall review the application, the applicant's
21 record, and the applicant's equipment, as well as the applicant's training
22 and operating procedures. In order to be approved for a license, the
23 applicant must provide evidence that the applicant's equipment and
24 training and operating procedures meet or exceed the minimum
25 requirements established by the state board of health pursuant to section
26 25-3.5-311. ~~The board of county commissioners of any county may~~
27 ~~impose, by resolution, additional requirements for secure transportation~~
28 ~~that is based in that county.~~

29 (b) If an applicant is approved pursuant to subsection (1)(a) of this
30 section, the ~~board of county commissioners of the county in which the~~
31 ~~secure transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT shall issue a license,
32 valid for three years, to the applicant to provide secure transportation
33 services. The ~~board of county commissioners of the county in which the~~
34 ~~secure transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT shall also issue a
35 permit, valid for twelve months after the date of issuance, for each
36 vehicle used by the licensee if the vehicles and equipment meet or exceed
37 the minimum requirements established by the state board of health
38 pursuant to section 25-3.5-311.

39 (2) Any license or permit issued pursuant to this section, unless
40 revoked by the ~~board of county commissioners of the county in which the~~
41 ~~secure transportation service is based~~ DEPARTMENT, may be renewed by
42 filing an application, as applicable for an original license or permit.
43 Applications for permit renewal must be filed annually, but not less than

1 thirty days before the date the permit expires.

2 (4) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PUBLISH A LIST OF APPROVED SECURE
3 TRANSPORTATION PROVIDERS ON THE DEPARTMENT'S WEBSITE AND
4 UPDATE THE LIST OF PROVIDERS ON A MONTHLY BASIS.

5 **SECTION 4.** In Colorado Revised Statutes, 25-3.5-311, **amend**
6 (1) introductory portion and (1)(b) as follows:

7 **25-3.5-311. Secure transportation - rules.**

8 (1) ~~On or before July 1, 2022,~~ The state board of health shall
9 adopt rules establishing the minimum requirements for secure
10 transportation services licensing, including, but not limited to:

11 (b) Staff training requirements, including verbal de-escalation and
12 trauma-informed care, as well as cultural competencies related to
13 supporting persons with physical or cognitive disabilities. STAFF
14 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS SHALL BE ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE BOARD
15 OF HEALTH AND NOT BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTIES.

16 **SECTION 5. Act subject to petition - effective date.** Section
17 25-3.5-309 (1)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended in section 2 of
18 this act, takes effect January 1, 2027, and the remainder of this act takes
19 effect at 12:01 a.m. on the day following the expiration of the ninety-day
20 period after final adjournment of the general assembly (August 12, 2026,
21 if adjournment sine die is on May 13, 2026); except that, if a referendum
22 petition is filed pursuant to section 1 (3) of article V of the state
23 constitution against this act or an item, section, or part of this act within
24 such period, then the act, item, section, or part will not take effect unless
25 approved by the people at the general election to be held in November
26 2026 and, in such case, will take effect on the date of the official
27 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor; except that section
28 25-3.5-309 (1)(a), Colorado Revised Statutes, as amended in section 2 of
29 this act, takes effect January 1, 2027, or on the date of the official
30 declaration of the vote thereon by the governor, whichever is later."

31 Page 1, line 102, strike "REIMBURSING".

32 Page 1, strike line 103.

33 Page 1, line 104, strike "TREATMENT AND".

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