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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 673**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Chu**

February 15, 2017

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An act to add Section 99173 to the Public Utilities Code, relating to transit operators.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 673, as amended, Chu. Public transit operators: bus procurement: safety considerations.

(1) Existing law imposes various requirements on transit operators and provides funding for transit services and capital improvements.

This bill would require a public transit operator, before the procurement of a new bus to be used in revenue operations, to take into consideration recommendations of, and best practices standards developed by, the exclusive representative of the recognized organization representing bus operators of the transit operator for specified purposes, including, among other purposes, reducing the risk of assault on bus operators. By creating new duties for public transit operators, this bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

(2) The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state,

reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to the statutory provisions noted above.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: yes.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1 SECTION 1. Section 99173 is added to the Public Utilities  
2 Code, to read:

3 99173. ~~Before~~(a) *Before* the procurement of a new bus to be  
4 used in revenue operations, a public transit operator shall take into  
5 consideration recommendations of, and best practices standards  
6 developed by, the exclusive representative of the recognized  
7 organization representing bus operators of the transit operator for  
8 the following purposes:

9 (a)

10 (1) To reduce the risk of assault on bus operators.

11 (b)

12 (2) To prevent accidents caused by blind spots created by bus  
13 equipment or bus design.

14 (c)

15 (3) To enhance the safety of passengers, bus operators, or other  
16 vehicles or pedestrians that the bus may come into contact with  
17 while in service.

18 (b) *Nothing in this section shall be construed to require a public*  
19 *transit operator to implement specific recommendations.*

20 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that  
21 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to  
22 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made  
23 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division  
24 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.