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Provides that the duty of care of a driver of a public transit bus to a passenger, including passengers who are K-12 pupils, applies only when the passenger is on the bus or embarking or disembarking. Specifies that the duty of care owed by a driver of a paratransit vehicle to a passenger, including K-12 pupils, applies only when the passenger is on the bus or embarking or disembarking, and also as provided in the local passenger assistance policy.

Specifies that at other times the passenger is a pedestrian, and that the bus driver owes the passenger only the same duty of care the bus drivers owes to other pedestrians.

Defines "public transit" as "general or specific transportation service provided to the public on a regular and continuing basis." Defines "paratransit" as transportation on a regular and continuing basis other than regular route, including car pool and commuter van, point deviation and route deviation services, shared-ride taxi service, dial-a-ride service, and other similar services.