

Public Transport (Rural Areas) Bill

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Set minimum service levels for the provision of public transport in rural areas, including for access to sites of employment and education; and for connected purposes.

BE IT ENACTED by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

1 Public transport in rural areas: minimum service levels

- (1) The Secretary of State must by regulations set minimum service levels for the provision of public transport in rural areas in England.
- (2) The minimum standards set by regulations under subsection (1) must include—
 - (a) standards relating to access to—
 - (i) sites of employment,
 - (ii) sites of education,
 - (iii) local health services, and
 - (b) standards relating to the frequency of services, including a requirement for hourly services at defined peak times.
- (3) A statutory instrument containing regulations under this section may not be made unless a draft of the instrument has been laid before and approved by resolution of each House of Parliament.

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- (1) This Bill extends to England and Wales.
- (2) This Act comes into force on the day on which it is passed.
- (3) This Act may be cited as the Public Transport (Rural Areas) Act 2024.

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