



**ALLIANCE OF NEW YORK STATE YMCAs
YOUTH AND GOVERNMENT
Legislative Bill**

Bill # 3

**Referred to Committee:
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Action on the Bill

Assembly

Senate

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1 AN ACT TO: Have more public transportation go to rural areas

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3 **The People of the State of New York, represented in the**
4 **Senate and Assembly do enact as follows:**

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6 **Purpose**

7 We initiate this bill as a way to improve public transportation to rural areas.

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9 **Summary of Provisions**

10 **Section 1: Definitions**

11 **Rural:** relating to, or, characteristic of the countryside rather than the town.

12 **Public Transportation:** : buses, trains, subways, and other forms of transportation that charge set fares, run on fixed
13 routes, and are available to the public.

14 **Section 2: The bill**

15 All of New York State will provide additional buses to service the rural areas surrounding the cities of Syracuse,
16 Binghamton, Elmira-Corning, Albany, Buffalo, Utica-Rome, and Poughkeepsie. We will provide money to buy two buses
17 for each of these areas and to fund this service.

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19 **Justification**

20 Most rural areas in New York State are lacking the amount of public transportation in their area. A lot of people in
21 rural areas are not able to get jobs because they don't have any transportation. Rural areas in New York State
22 currently have buses for Health, but not for jobs and other things. Currently public transportation costs \$284,050 a
23 year per bus. The main cities that the rural areas are around are Syracuse, Binghamton, Elmira-Corning, Albany,
24 Buffalo, Utica-Rome, and Dupoughcetsy. This means if we have 7 major cities and add at least 2 per city then that will
25 cost about \$3,976,100 to run the buses.

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27 **Fiscal Implications**

28 Buses will start to receive routes to rural areas. Adding 2 small buses to the 7 cities would cost about \$980,000 to
29 buy the bus, and about \$3,976,100 a year to run the buses. After the buses start to move more people will start to go
30 get jobs, go to malls, and restaurants. So the state will gradually start to gain the money they lost from the people.

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32 **Effective Date**

33 This bill shall go into effect at the beginning of the year 2019.
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