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Dear Member of the Senedd,

Bus Services (Wales) Bill - Government Amendments

I am enclosing detail of the Government amendments tabled to the Bus Services (Wales) Bill, together with an explanation of their purpose and effect.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Skates', with a large, stylized flourish at the end.

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BUS SERVICES (WALES) BILL – STAGE 3 GOVERNMENT AMENDMENTS

The information below is designed to explain the purpose and effect of the amendments tabled in the name of Ken Skates MS on **21 November 2025** – please see [link to Notice of Amendments](#):

Adt.	Explanation
7	This amendment inserts an additional objective into section 4 of the Bill, with the effect of requiring the Welsh Ministers, in exercising their functions under the Bill, to have regard to the objective of facilitating access by passengers using local bus services to places where education, training, health services and social care services are provided [section 4 page 3, after line 3]
8	This amendment clarifies that, in the additional objective (Amendment 1), “higher education” is included within the term “education”. [section 4 page 3, line 4]
9	This amendment defines “health services” and “social care services” for the purpose of the additional objective (Amendment 1). [section 4, page 3, line 5]
10	This amendment imposes an obligation on a local authority, when being consulted by the Welsh Ministers about a proposed revision to the Welsh Bus Network Plan, to have regard to the needs of persons in its area who use (or are likely to use) bus services affected by the proposed revision, including needs relating to accessibility; and to consider whether consultation about the proposed revision is needed [section 8, page 7, line 10]
11	The amendment makes some changes to the wording of the provision relating to the application of TUPE, to specifically list the actions that the Welsh Ministers may take under the Bill to comply with their duty under section 5(1)(c), as the circumstances in which TUPE may be applied under section 36. [section 36, page 23, line 24]
12	The amendment inserts a new paragraph in subsection (2) to specify that regulations under section 36 may make further provision in connection with the application of TUPE in respect of a relevant transfer. This new paragraph replaces existing subsections (3) and (4). [section 36, page 23, line 31]
13	The amendment is linked to amendment 6 (12) and removes subsections (3) and (4). [section 36, page 23, line 32]
14	The amendment is consequential to amendment 7 (13) and removes the definition of “organised grouping of resources or employees”. [section 36, page 24, lines 14 to 15]

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- 15 The amendment makes a minor technical change removing reference to paragraph 2(9) of Schedule 1 from the list of provisions to come into force two months after the Act receives Royal Assent so that the whole of schedule 1 will be commenced by order. [section 47, page 31, line 30]
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- 16 This amendment makes a minor correction to paragraph 2(3)(b) of Schedule 1 [page 33, line 21]
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- 17 The amendment removes paragraph 2(8) from schedule 1 to retain the flexibility to make regulations in relation to Cardiff and Newport Bus [page 34 lines 3 to 6]
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