

Department of Fiscal Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 472 (Delegate Getty)  
Appropriations

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**Transportation - Privatization of Public Bus Transportation - Study and Report**

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This bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to examine and make recommendations regarding the privatization of public bus transportation services. Specifically, the bill requires DOT to address: (1) the economic impact of privatization; (2) the impact of privatization on the quality of services; (3) the availability of private providers; (4) any public safety issues related to privatization; and (5) the administrative feasibility of privatizing public bus transportation.

The bill is effective June 1, 1996 and requires DOT to report its findings and recommendations by January 1, 1997.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Special fund expenditures could increase as discussed below. No effect on revenues.

**Local Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** DOT advises that it would retain an outside vendor at a cost of \$50,000 to perform the required study. The Department of Fiscal Services advises that expenditure increases would be minimal if existing staff are utilized to assess the impact of privatizing public bus transportation and to develop recommendations.

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