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FISCAL AND POLICY NOTE

House Bill 796 (Delegate Rudolph)
 Environmental Matters

Maryland Transit Administration - MARC Penn Line Extension

This bill requires the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to conduct a study and create a plan, in consultation with the Delaware Transit Corporation, for extending Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) train service from Perryville, Maryland to Newark, Delaware. MTA must submit a report, which includes the required plan and any findings and recommendations, to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2011.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2011.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures increase by \$150,000 in FY 2012 only to complete the required study and report. Even though the bill takes effect June 1, 2011, it is assumed that State expenditures are not affected in FY 2011. Revenues are not affected.

(in dollars)	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditure	0	150,000	0	0	0
Net Effect	\$0	(\$150,000)	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note:() = decrease; GF = general funds; FF = federal funds; SF = special funds; - = indeterminate effect

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law/Background: MTA operates a comprehensive transit system throughout the Baltimore-Washington metropolitan area, including more than 50 local bus lines in Baltimore and other services such as the light rail, metro subway, commuter buses, MARC trains, and mobility/paratransit vehicles.

MARC commuter train service operates three different lines that serve several Maryland counties; Washington, DC; and Martinsburg, West Virginia. MARC trains operate on weekdays only, with limited service on select holidays.

MARC train service on the Penn Line operates primarily between Baltimore's Penn Station, through the BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport train station, to Union Station in Washington, DC. Stops along this segment include Baltimore City, Odenton, and Bowie State University. In addition, there are four stops north of Penn Station at Martin State Airport, Edgewood, Aberdeen, and Perryville, all in Maryland. The Penn Line is operated under contract with Amtrak on a section of track known as the Northeast Corridor, the busiest portion of Amtrak railroad. The Penn Line is the most traveled of all three MARC lines.

State Expenditures: TTF expenditures increase by \$150,000 in fiscal 2012 for contractual services associated with completing the required study and report. It is assumed that expenditures are not affected in fiscal 2011, despite the bill's June 1, 2011 effective date.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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