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BY: Finance Committee

AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 279
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 16, after “directors;” insert “encouraging each signatory of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact to support certain reforms of the Authority;”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 5, after line 31, insert:

“SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Each signatory of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact is encouraged to support reform of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s governance structure to improve efficiency, accountability, and effectiveness of the Authority’s performance, oversight, safety, accessibility, environmental quality, economic development, and quality of life in Maryland.

(b) Reforms of the Authority’s governance structure may include:

(1) reducing the size of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s Board of Directors;

(2) improving the independent investigation and oversight of the Authority;

(3) prohibiting elected officials from serving on the Board of Directors;

(4) removing a Compact signatory’s veto authority;

(Over)

(5) requiring eligibility criteria for Board members, such as possessing qualifications in relevant fields;

(6) providing equitable compensation for each Board member;

(7) enhancing transparency; and

(8) improving stakeholder input, including input from users of the Authority's services.”;

and in line 32, strike “3.” and substitute “4.”.