

# HOUSE BILL 1468

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By: **Delegate Beidle**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transit – Job Access and Reverse Commute (JARC) Program**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program in the  
4 Maryland Transit Administration; authorizing the Administration to make certain  
5 grants under the Program to certain providers for certain employment and  
6 commuter projects; providing for certain administrative expenses; providing for the  
7 distribution of funds under the Program; requiring the Administration to conduct  
8 certain solicitations before accepting grant applications under the Program;  
9 establishing a certain application process for a grant under the Program;  
10 establishing certain standards for grants awarded under the Program; establishing  
11 certain limitations on and a minimum duration of a grant for operating assistance;  
12 providing for funding for the Program; requiring the Administration to conduct a  
13 certain study on the Program and submit the study to the Governor and the General  
14 Assembly on or before a certain date; defining certain terms; and generally relating  
15 to the Job Access and Reverse Commute Program.

16 BY adding to

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 7–1101 through 7–1108 to be under the new subtitle “Subtitle 11. Job Access  
19 and Reverse Commute Program”

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2017 Supplement)

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

23 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

24 **Article – Transportation**

25 **SUBTITLE 11. JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM.**

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 7-1101.

2 (A) IN THIS SUBTITLE THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS  
3 INDICATED.

4 (B) (1) "JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT" MEANS A  
5 PROJECT THAT:

6 (I) PROVIDES TRANSPORTATION SERVICES TO TARGETED  
7 POPULATIONS; AND

8 (II) SERVES TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREAS.

9 (2) "JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT" INCLUDES:

10 (I) THE EXTENSION OF SERVICE HOURS ON LOCAL FIXED  
11 ROUTE TRANSIT SYSTEMS TO A TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREA;

12 (II) VANPOOL SERVICES;

13 (III) EMPLOYER PROVIDED TRANSPORTATION SERVICES; OR

14 (IV) DEMAND-RESPONSE OR DEVIATED FIXED ROUTE TRANSIT  
15 SERVICES.

16 (3) "JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT" DOES NOT  
17 INCLUDE:

18 (I) RIDE MATCHING, MOBILITY MANAGEMENT, OR COMMUTER  
19 ASSISTANCE SERVICES;

20 (II) SERVICES PROVIDED BY A FOR-HIRE VEHICLE OR A  
21 TRANSPORTATION NETWORK COMPANY;

22 (III) CARPOOL SERVICES;

23 (IV) VOLUNTEER DRIVER PROGRAMS; OR

24 (V) EXCEPT FOR SERVICES IN SUPPORT OF A JOB ACCESS AND  
25 REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT, OTHER SERVICES PROVIDED ON AN INDIVIDUAL  
26 BASIS.

27 (C) "PROGRAM" MEANS THE JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE

1 **PROGRAM.**

2 (D) "PROVIDER" MEANS A PRIVATE NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION, A LOCAL  
3 TRANSIT SYSTEM, OR ONE OR MORE EMPLOYER THAT IMPLEMENTS A JOB ACCESS  
4 AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECT.

5 (E) "TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREA" MEANS AN AREA THAT HAS RECENTLY  
6 EXPERIENCED A SIGNIFICANT GROWTH IN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN  
7 SECTORS INCLUDING CONSTRUCTION, MANUFACTURING, LOGISTICS,  
8 WAREHOUSING, RETAIL TRADE, OR THE SERVICE INDUSTRY.

9 (F) "TARGETED POPULATION" MEANS INDIVIDUALS IN DEFINED AREAS  
10 WHO:

11 (1) RESIDE IN LOW INCOME AREAS, AS DETERMINED BY THE  
12 ADMINISTRATION;

13 (2) HAVE LIMITED OR NO ACCESS TO THE USE OF A PERSONAL  
14 VEHICLE;

15 (3) RESIDE IN AREAS WITH LIMITED ACCESS TO FIXED ROUTE  
16 TRANSIT SERVICE;

17 (4) RECEIVE OR HAVE RECENTLY RECEIVED PUBLIC ASSISTANCE;  
18 AND

19 (5) HAVE NOT MORE THAN:

20 (I) A GRADE 12 EDUCATION; OR

21 (II) 1 YEAR OF WORK EXPERIENCE.

22 **7-1102.**

23 THERE IS A JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROGRAM IN THE  
24 ADMINISTRATION.

25 **7-1103.**

26 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY MAKE GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO A  
27 PROVIDER FOR JOB ACCESS AND REVERSE COMMUTE PROJECTS THAT CONNECT  
28 TARGETED POPULATIONS WITH TARGETED EMPLOYMENT AREAS.

1           **(B) A PROVIDER MAY USE NOT MORE THAN 10% OF THE AMOUNT**  
2 **DISTRIBUTED TO THE PROVIDER UNDER THIS SUBTITLE FOR ADMINISTRATIVE**  
3 **COSTS, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.**

4           **(C) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN SUBSECTION (D) OF THIS SECTION, THE**  
5 **ADMINISTRATION SHALL DISTRIBUTE AMOUNTS MADE AVAILABLE FOR A FISCAL**  
6 **YEAR TO IMPLEMENT THIS SUBTITLE AS FOLLOWS:**

7                   **(1) 70% OF THE FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PROVIDERS FOR**  
8 **USE IN URBANIZED AREAS; AND**

9                   **(2) 30% OF THE FUNDS SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO PROVIDERS FOR**  
10 **USE IN RURAL AREAS.**

11           **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY DISTRIBUTE FUNDS:**

12                   **(1) UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(1) OF THIS SECTION FOR RURAL**  
13 **PROJECTS IF THE ADMINISTRATION CERTIFIES THAT NO ELIGIBLE GRANT**  
14 **REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN URBANIZED AREAS; AND**

15                   **(2) UNDER SUBSECTION (C)(2) OF THIS SECTION FOR URBAN**  
16 **PROJECTS IF THE ADMINISTRATION CERTIFIES THAT NO ELIGIBLE GRANT**  
17 **REQUESTS HAVE BEEN MADE IN RURAL AREAS.**

18 **7-1104.**

19           **(A) BEFORE ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER § 7-1103(C)(1) OF**  
20 **THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT, IN COOPERATION WITH**  
21 **THE APPROPRIATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AN AREA-WIDE**  
22 **SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS.**

23           **(B) BEFORE ACCEPTING GRANT APPLICATIONS UNDER § 7-1103(C)(2) OF**  
24 **THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT A STATEWIDE**  
25 **SOLICITATION FOR GRANT APPLICATIONS FOR PROJECTS.**

26           **(C) A PROVIDER THAT IS SEEKING A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE SHALL**  
27 **SUBMIT TO THE ADMINISTRATION AN APPLICATION ON A FORM AND IN THE MANNER**  
28 **THAT THE ADMINISTRATION REQUIRES.**

29 **7-1105.**

30           **THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

1           **(1) AWARD GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBTITLE ON A COMPETITIVE BASIS;**

2           **(2) ENSURE THAT GRANTS ARE AWARDED AND DISTRIBUTED TO**  
3 **PROVIDERS ON A FAIR AND EQUITABLE BASIS; AND**

4           **(3) FOR PROJECTS IN URBANIZED AREAS, AWARD GRANTS ONLY TO**  
5 **PROJECTS ENDORSED BY THE APPROPRIATE METROPOLITAN PLANNING**  
6 **ORGANIZATION.**

7 **7-1106.**

8           **A GRANT UNDER THIS SUBTITLE:**

9           **(1) MAY NOT EXCEED 80% OF THE NET OPERATING COSTS OF THE**  
10 **PROJECT, AS DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND**

11           **(2) SHALL PROVIDE SERVICES FOR MORE THAN 3 YEARS.**

12 **7-1107.**

13           **FUNDS FOR THE PROGRAM SHALL BE AS PROVIDED BY THE GOVERNOR IN**  
14 **THE STATE BUDGET.**

15 **7-1108.**

16           **ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2021, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT**  
17 **A STUDY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PROGRAM AND SUBMIT THE**  
18 **STUDY TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE**  
19 **GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

20           **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect**  
21 **October 1, 2018.**