# HOUSE BILL 1507

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## By: **Delegate Addison** Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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#### Transportation – Change in Bus Service – Impacts Report

- FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, before announcing any
  reduction or cancellation of an existing bus route or line, to compile a report on the
  impacts of the proposed service reduction or cancellation; requiring the
  Administration to publish the report on its website at least a certain number of days
  before the required public hearing on the proposed service change; requiring the
  Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities; and generally
  relating to service reductions or cancellations of existing bus routes.
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Transportation
- 12 Section 7–508
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 Supplement)
- 15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
   16 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
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# Article – Transportation

- 18 **7–508.**
- 19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ROUTE" MEANS A BUS ROUTE OR BUS LINE.

20 **(B) BEFORE ANNOUNCING ANY SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION OF** 21 AN EXISTING ROUTE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPILE A REPORT ON THE 22 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION THAT 23 INCLUDES:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW. [Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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1	(1)	Info	RMAT	TION ON THE ROUTE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF:
2		<b>(I)</b>	Тне	DEMOGRAPHICS OF:
3			1.	THE RIDERS ON THE ROUTE; AND
4			2.	THE SERVICE AREA;
5		<b>(</b> II <b>)</b>	Тне	SCHOOLS IN THE SERVICE AREA;
6		(III)	Тне	TYPES OF BUSINESSES IN THE SERVICE AREA;
7		(IV)	Тне	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP ON THE ROUTE; AND
8 9	CANCELLATION	(V) WOULE		EFFECT THAT THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR E ON THE COMMUTES OF RIDERS ON THE ROUTE;
10 11	(2) OR DOCUMENTS			PTION OF THE CONTENTS OF ANY MINUTES, RECORDS, O THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION; AND
12 13	(3) A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION.			
$\begin{array}{c} 14 \\ 15 \end{array}$	(C) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED UNDER § 7–506 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:			
$\begin{array}{c} 16 \\ 17 \end{array}$				THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE WITH THE IMPACTED ROUTE ON THE PRIMARY PAGE; AND
18	(2)	DIST	'RIBU'	TE THE REPORT TO:
19		<b>(</b> I <b>)</b>	Тне	SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND
$\begin{array}{c} 20\\ 21 \end{array}$	GOVERNMENT A	(II) RTICL		ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE
22			1.	THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
23			2.	THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
24			3.	THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE;

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14.THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION2COMMITTEE; AND

5. EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE 4 DISTRICT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTION OR 5 CANCELLATION OF THE ROUTE.

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 7 October 1, 2024.