

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

Senate Bill 246 (Senator Ruben, et al.)

Budget and Taxation

Referred to Ways and Means

Transportation Funding - Grants for Local Paratransit Service

This amended bill requires the Department of Transportation to fund up to \$4 million of the local costs of providing paratransit services in compliance with the Federal Americans with Disabilities Act. Current law requires the provision of this grant in fiscal 1996 only and includes a maximum departmental funding level of \$3.45 million.

The bill is effective July 1, 1996 and sunsets June 30, 1999.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures could increase by an estimated \$4.0 million in FY 1997. No effect on revenues.

| (\$ in millions) | FY 1997 | FY 1998 | FY 1999 | FY 2000 | FY 2001 |
|------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| SF Revenues | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| SF Expenditures | \$4.0 | \$4.0 | \$4.0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| Net Effect | (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | (\$4.0) | \$0 | \$0 |

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

Local Effect: Revenue could increase by an estimated \$4.0 million beginning in FY 1997. No effect on expenditures.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Current law requires DOT to provide total grants of up to \$3.45 million for paratransit services in fiscal 1996 only. Estimates of paratransit spending by political subdivision for fiscal 1997 are presented in Exhibit 1. Out-year estimates assume 3% annual inflation.

Exhibit 1
Estimates of Paratransit Spending
(\$ in thousands)

| Counties | 1997 | 1998 | 1999 | 2000 | 2001 |
|-----------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Montgomery | \$2,010 | \$2,070 | \$2,132 | \$2,197 | \$2,262 |
| Prince George's | 576 | 593 | 611 | 630 | 648 |
| Frederick | 418 | 431 | 444 | 457 | 470 |
| Washington | 290 | 299 | 308 | 317 | 326 |
| Howard | 272 | 280 | 288 | 297 | 306 |
| Harford | 209 | 214 | 220 | 227 | 234 |
| St. Mary's | 180 | 185 | 191 | 197 | 203 |
| Allegany | 60 | 62 | 64 | 66 | 68 |
| Municipalities | | | | | |
| Ocean City | 169 | 174 | 179 | 184 | 190 |
| Annapolis | 151 | 156 | 161 | 166 | 171 |
| TOTAL | \$4,335 | \$4,464 | \$4,598 | \$4,738 | \$4,878 |

Since local spending exceeds the \$4 million authorized under the bill, Transportation Trust Fund expenditures would increase by \$4.0 million in fiscal 1997.

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