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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Washington Suburban Transit District - Capital Equipment - Funding**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to provide
4 grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District to fully fund the District's share
5 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's capital equipment
6 replacement costs; providing for the funding of the grants; making award of the
7 grants contingent on receipt of a certain request by the District; and generally
8 relating to funding capital equipment replacement by the Washington Suburban
9 Transit District.

10 BY renumbering

11 Article - Transportation

12 Section 10-205(d)

13 to be Section 10-205(e)

14 Annotated Code of Maryland

15 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article - Transportation

18 Section 10-205(a)

19 Annotated Code of Maryland

20 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article - Transportation

23 Section 10-205(d)

24 Annotated Code of Maryland

25 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1996 Supplement)

26 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF

27 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-205(d) of Article - Transportation of the Annotated

28 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10-205(e).

29 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland

30 read as follows:

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1 **Article - Transportation**

2 10-205.

3 (a) In accordance with and subject to the principle that, if there is substantial
4 State financial support for the planned rapid rail mass transit system in one metropolitan
5 area of this State, there should be substantial State financial support for the planned
6 rapid rail mass transit system in the other metropolitan area of this State, and subject to
7 the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of § 3-216(d) of this article, the
8 Department shall provide for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District in an
9 amount equal to the current expenditures required of the Washington Suburban Transit
10 District in accordance with capital contributions agreements between the Washington
11 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the Washington Suburban Transit District, and
12 other participating jurisdictions. The Washington Suburban Transit District shall consult
13 with the Secretary of Transportation prior to the execution of any capital contributions
14 agreement. Expenditures required of the Washington Suburban Transit District for
15 projects and programs not included in the "Adopted Regional System - 1968" revised as
16 of January 1, 1992, are only eligible for State funding in accordance with subsection [(d)]
17 (E) of this section.

18 (D) (1) IN ACCORDANCE WITH AND SUBJECT TO THE PRINCIPLE THAT, IF
19 THERE IS SUBSTANTIAL STATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR RAPID RAIL AND BUS
20 TRANSIT CAPITAL REPLACEMENT COSTS IN ONE METROPOLITAN AREA OF THIS
21 STATE, THERE SHOULD BE SUBSTANTIAL STATE FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR THE
22 COSTS OF SIMILAR NEEDS IN THE OTHER METROPOLITAN AREA OF THIS STATE, AND
23 IN RECOGNITION OF THE FACT THAT TIMELY REPLACEMENT OF CAPITAL
24 FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT IS ESSENTIAL TO SAFE AND RELIABLE TRANSIT
25 SERVICE, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE GRANTS TO FULLY FUND THE
26 WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT'S SHARE OF THE WASHINGTON
27 METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY'S CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT
28 PROGRAMS.

29 (2) THE GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

30 (I) SHALL BE MADE SUBJECT TO THE APPROPRIATION AND
31 BUDGETARY PROVISIONS OF § 3-216(D) OF THIS ARTICLE;

32 (II) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MAY BE
33 FUNDED WITH REVENUES DERIVED FROM:

34 1. ANY STATE-ENACTED TRANSPORTATION FEES OR TAXES;

35 OR

36 2. FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION GRANTS AVAILABLE TO THE
37 STATE TO FUND TRANSIT CAPITAL EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT; AND

38 (III) SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST BY
39 THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
40 PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT
41 AUTHORITY.

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1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 1997.