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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).

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1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland
2 read as follows:

3 **Article - Transportation**

4 10-205.

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

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

31 (2) THE GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

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

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

36 1. ANY STATE-ENACTED TRANSPORTATION FEES OR TAXES;
37 OR

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

40 (III) SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST BY
41 THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

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1 PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT
2 AUTHORITY.

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