

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE
Revised

House Bill 1016 (Delegates Getty and Fry)
Appropriations

Referred to Budget and Taxation

Transportation - Privatization of Public Bus Transportation - Study and Report

This enrolled bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to examine and make recommendations regarding the privatization of public bus transportation services. Specifically, the bill requires MDOT to address: (1) the economic impact of privatization; (2) the impact of privatization on the quality of services; (3) the availability of private providers; (4) any public safety issues related to privatization; and (5) the administrative feasibility of privatizing public bus transportation.

It is the intent of the General Assembly that MDOT examine and make recommendations regarding the privatization of public bus transportation services within existing resources. The bill is effective June 1, 1997 and requires MDOT to report its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by January 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: None. The requirements of the bill could be handled with the existing budgeted resources of the department.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None. The bill would not directly affect small businesses.

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