

Department of Fiscal Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 778 (Senator Ruben, *et al.*)
Budget and Taxation

Washington Suburban Transit District - Capital Equipment - Funding

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District, for Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, to fully fund the district’s share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s (WMATA) capital equipment replacement costs. The grants are contingent upon the receipt of a request by the district to MDOT, based on the annual capital improvements programs adopted by WMATA. The bill is effective July 1, 1997.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures would increase by \$5.1 million in FY 1998 and by \$5.3 million in future years as discussed below.

(in millions)	FY 1998	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	5.1	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Net Effect	(\$5.1)	(\$5.3)	(\$5.3)	(\$5.3)	(\$5.3)

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

Local Effect: Montgomery and Prince George’s counties’ expenditures would decrease as discussed below.

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

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Under current law MDOT is required to pay 75% of the Capital Equipment Replacement costs for WMATA. The bill would increase MDOT’s share to 100%. Currently, there is \$78.7 million budgeted for the State share of capital equipment

funding for Metrorail Equipment Rehabilitation and Replacement, Metrobus Garage Construction, and Metrobus Purchases for fiscal 1998-2002. Thus, increasing the State's share to 100% would increase Transportation Trust Fund expenditures by \$26.3 million over fiscal 1998-2002. The increase in expenditures in fiscal 1998 would be \$5.1 million. Future year increases reflect the amount budgeted in the Consolidated Transportation Program.

Local Expenditures: Montgomery County expenditures would decrease by an estimated \$2.4 million in fiscal 1998 and by \$2.5 million in each future year. Prince George's County expenditures would decrease by \$2.7 million in fiscal 1998 and by \$2.8 million in each future year.

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