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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation - Montgomery and Prince George's Counties - Grants for**
3 **Purchase of Buses**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to provide an annual
5 capital grant to Montgomery County and Prince George's County for the
6 purchase of buses to be used to provide certain eligible local bus service;
7 providing that the grants made under this Act are in addition to any federal
8 funds received by the State for bus services provided by Montgomery and Prince
9 George's Counties; altering a certain definition; making a stylistic change; and
10 generally relating to grants for eligible local bus service in Montgomery and
11 Prince George's Counties.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article - Transportation
14 Section 10-207
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

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21 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)
22 (As enacted by Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996)

23 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
24 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

25 **Article - Transportation**

26 10-207.

27 (a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

1 (2) "Eligible local bus service":

2 (i) Means the number of annual platform miles and annual
3 platform hours of fixed route, scheduled local bus service, that previously replaced
4 comparable service operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority,
5 plus the number of annual platform miles and annual platform hours of any new
6 fixed route, scheduled local bus service added after June 30, 1989; and

7 (ii) Is limited to service operated by or on behalf of and in
8 Montgomery County or Prince George's County.

9 (3) "Costs" means[:

10 (i) Operating] OPERATING costs of eligible local bus service, plus
11 operating costs under § 10-205 of this subtitle]; and

12 (ii) An allowance for the replacement of buses used in eligible local
13 service, which shall equal the cost of such buses divided by their useful life].

14 (4) "Service deficit" means costs less:

15 (i) The greater of revenues collected under this section and §
16 10-205(b) of this subtitle or 50 percent of the costs; and

17 (ii) All federal operating assistance.

18 (b) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of §
19 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form
20 or detail as the Secretary shall reasonably require, the Department shall provide for
21 annual grants to Prince George's County and Montgomery County for eligible local
22 bus service as defined in this section. The amount of these grants shall be equal to:

23 (1) 100 percent of the service deficit attributable to each county; less

24 (2) Each county's share of the Department's annual grant to the
25 Washington Suburban Transit District as determined under § 10-205(b) of this
26 subtitle.

27 (c) The Department's grant for any eligible local bus service may not be
28 greater than the operating grant that the Department would incur from the same bus
29 service if operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This
30 requirement shall be applied on a line by line basis.

31 (d) Except with the specific approval of the Secretary, notwithstanding the
32 provisions of § 10-205 of this subtitle, the combined grants for bus service to each
33 county under this section and § 10-205(b) of this subtitle may not exceed the level of
34 the combined grants for the prior fiscal year adjusted for inflation by the projected
35 consumer price index CPI-U for the fiscal year in which the grant under this section
36 is being awarded, using the actual consumer price index CPI-U at the close of the

1 fiscal year. Adjustments shall be made to increase or decrease the combined grants in
2 the subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate.

3 (e) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (b) of this [section]
4 SECTION, the Secretary may authorize payment for the cost of new eligible local bus
5 service that does not recover 50 percent of its operating costs for the first 2 years of its
6 operation, provided that:

7 (1) The annual cost to the Department of new bus service added under
8 this section and § 10-205 of this subtitle does not exceed 2 percent of the total annual
9 cost of bus service provided under this section and § 10-205 of this subtitle;

10 (2) No more than 1 percent of the annual cost of bus service provided
11 under this section and § 10-205 of this subtitle is added as new bus service in a single
12 fiscal year; and

13 (3) The cost of new bus service may not cause the Department to exceed
14 the legislative appropriation for Washington Metropolitan Area Operating Grants.

15 (F) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CAPITAL GRANT TO
16 PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR THE PURCHASE OF
17 BUSES TO BE USED IN ELIGIBLE LOCAL BUS SERVICE.

18 (2) GRANTS PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION
19 SHALL BE IN ADDITION TO ANY FEDERAL FUNDS RECEIVED BY THE STATE FOR BUS
20 SERVICES OPERATED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

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

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28 platform hours of fixed route, scheduled local bus service, that previously replaced
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30 plus the number of annual platform miles and annual platform hours of any new
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33 Montgomery County or Prince George's County.

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2 operating costs under § 10-205 of this subtitle[; and

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7 10-205(b) of this subtitle or 50 percent of the costs; and

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9 (b) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of §
10 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form
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12 annual grants to Prince George's County and Montgomery County for eligible local
13 bus service as defined in this section. The amount of these grants shall be equal to:

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19 greater than the operating grant that the Department would incur from the same bus
20 service if operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This
21 requirement shall be applied on a line by line basis.

22 (d) Except with the specific approval of the Secretary, notwithstanding the
23 provisions of § 10-205 of this subtitle, the combined grants for bus service to each
24 county under this section and § 10-205(b) of this subtitle may not exceed the level of
25 the combined grants for the prior fiscal year adjusted for inflation by the projected
26 consumer price index CPI-U for the fiscal year in which the grant under this section
27 is being awarded, using the actual consumer price index CPI-U at the close of the
28 fiscal year. Adjustments shall be made to increase or decrease the combined grants in
29 the subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate.

30 (E) (1) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE AN ANNUAL CAPITAL GRANT TO
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35 SERVICES OPERATED BY PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY.

36 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
37 take effect on the taking effect of the termination provision specified in Section 8 of
38 Chapter 655 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1996. If that termination provision

1 takes effect, Section 1 of this Act shall be void. This Act may not be interpreted to
2 have any effect on that termination provision.

3 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to the provisions
4 of Section 3 of this Act, this Act shall take effect July 1, 1998.