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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  
5 share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's capital  
6 equipment replacement costs; providing for the funding of the grants; making  
7 award of the grants contingent on receipt of a certain request by the District;  
8 and generally relating to funding capital equipment replacement by the  
9 Washington Suburban 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 1997 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 1997 Supplement)

21 BY adding to

22 Article - Transportation  
23 Section 10-205(d)  
24 Annotated Code of Maryland  
25 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 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).

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

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

1 (III) SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST BY  
2 THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON ANNUAL CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS  
3 PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT  
4 AUTHORITY.

5 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
6 July 1, 1998.