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CHAPTER _____

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

1 Section 10-205(d)
2 Annotated Code of Maryland
3 (1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)

4 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
5 MARYLAND, That Section(s) 10-205(d) of Article - Transportation of the Annotated
6 Code of Maryland be renumbered to be Section(s) 10-205(e).

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

9 **Article - Transportation**

10 10-205.

11 (a) In accordance with and subject to the principle that, if there is substantial
12 State financial support for the planned rapid rail mass transit system in one
13 metropolitan area of this State, there should be substantial State financial support
14 for the planned rapid rail mass transit system in the other metropolitan area of this
15 State, and subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of §
16 3-216(d) of this article, the Department shall provide for grants to the Washington
17 Suburban Transit District in an amount equal to the current expenditures required of
18 the Washington Suburban Transit District in accordance with capital contributions
19 agreements between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the
20 Washington Suburban Transit District, and other participating jurisdictions. The
21 Washington Suburban Transit District shall consult with the Secretary of
22 Transportation prior to the execution of any capital contributions agreement.
23 Expenditures required of the Washington Suburban Transit District for projects and
24 programs not included in the "Adopted Regional System - 1968" revised as of January
25 1, 1992, are only eligible for State funding in accordance with subsection [(d)] (E) of
26 this section.

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

37 (2) THE GRANTS UNDER THIS SUBSECTION:

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

1 (II) SHALL BE INCLUDED IN THE STATE BUDGET BEGINNING IN
2 FISCAL YEAR 2000;

3 ~~(H)~~ (III) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF LAW, MAY
4 BE FUNDED WITH REVENUES DERIVED FROM:

5 1. ANY STATE-ENACTED TRANSPORTATION FEES OR TAXES;
6 OR

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

9 ~~(H)~~ (IV) SHALL BE CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF A REQUEST
10 BY THE DISTRICT TO THE DEPARTMENT, BASED ON ANNUAL CAPITAL
11 IMPROVEMENTS PROGRAMS ADOPTED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA
12 TRANSIT AUTHORITY.

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