

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE  
Revised

Senate Bill 205 (Senator Ruben. *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

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Washington Suburban Transit District - Capital Equipment - Funding

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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 and must be included in the State budget beginning in fiscal 2000. The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** Special fund expenditures would increase by \$4.8 million annually beginning in FY 2000.

(in millions)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	0	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Net Effect	\$0	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)

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

**Local Effect:** Montgomery County expenditures would decrease by an estimated \$2.0 million annually and Prince George’s County expenditures would decrease by \$2.8 million annually beginning in FY 2000.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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## 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 \$72.7 million budgeted for the State share of capital equipment funding for Metrorail Equipment Rehabilitation and Replacement, Metrobus Garage Construction, and Metrobus Purchases for fiscal 1999-2003. Increasing the State's share to 100% would increase Transportation Trust Fund expenditures by \$4.8 million annually beginning in fiscal 2000 reflecting the amount budgeted in the Consolidated Transportation Program.

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