

Department of Legislative Services  
Maryland General Assembly  
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**FISCAL NOTE**

Senate Bill 247 (Senator Ruben. *et al.*)

Budget and Taxation

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**Transportation Services - Fiscal Assistance - Repeal of Termination Provision**

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This bill repeals the June 30, 1999 sunset date on a provision of the law requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide annual grants to offset the local costs of providing paratransit services that are complementary to fixed route service as required under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act. The amount of the grants may not exceed \$4 million statewide per year.

This bill is effective June 1, 1999.

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**Fiscal Summary**

**State Effect:** Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures would continue in future years. The Governor's budget allowance for FY 2000 includes \$3,382,051 for grants to local jurisdictions.

**Local Effect:** Revenues would continue in future years for those jurisdictions with eligible transit services.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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**Fiscal Analysis**

**State Expenditures:** The Governor's budget allowance for fiscal 2000 assumes the continuation of the grant program and includes \$3,382,051 for such purposes. The level of funding in future years should remain relatively constant; by law it cannot exceed \$4 million annually.

**Local Revenues:** Local jurisdictions with eligible paratransit services will continue to

receive annual grants from MDOT. The table below shows the distribution of the fiscal 2000 allowance.

<b>Paratransit Grants</b>	
<b>Counties</b>	<b>FY 2000 Funding</b>
Allegany	\$75,000
Frederick	427,000
Harford	88,000
Howard	447,300
Montgomery	1,000,000
Prince George's	576,000
St. Mary's	85,000
Washington	150,000
Worcester	22,751
<b>Municipalities</b>	
Annapolis	416,000
Ocean City	95,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,382,051</b>

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**Information Source(s):** Maryland Department of Transportation (Mass Transit Administration), Department of Legislative Services

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