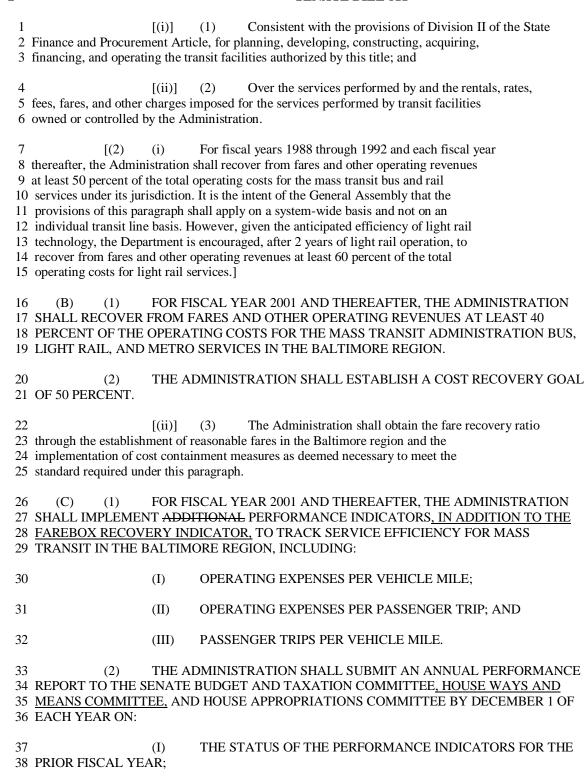
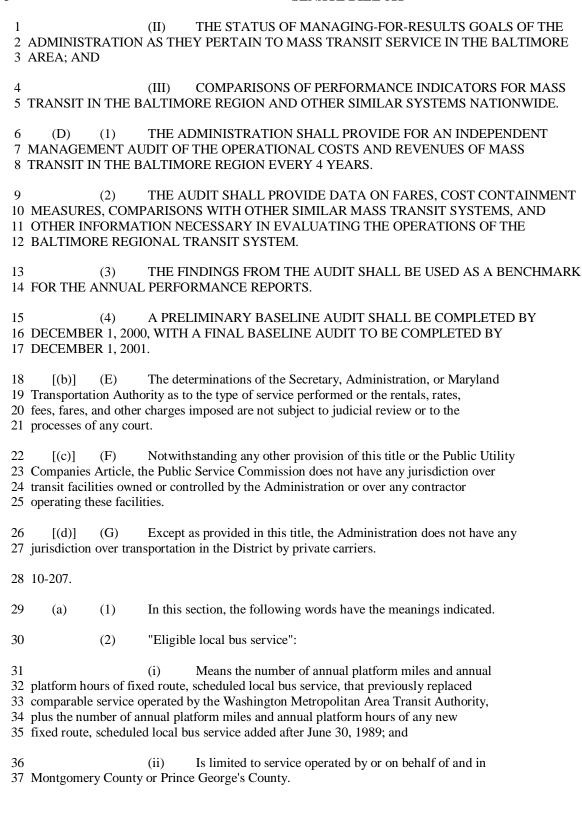
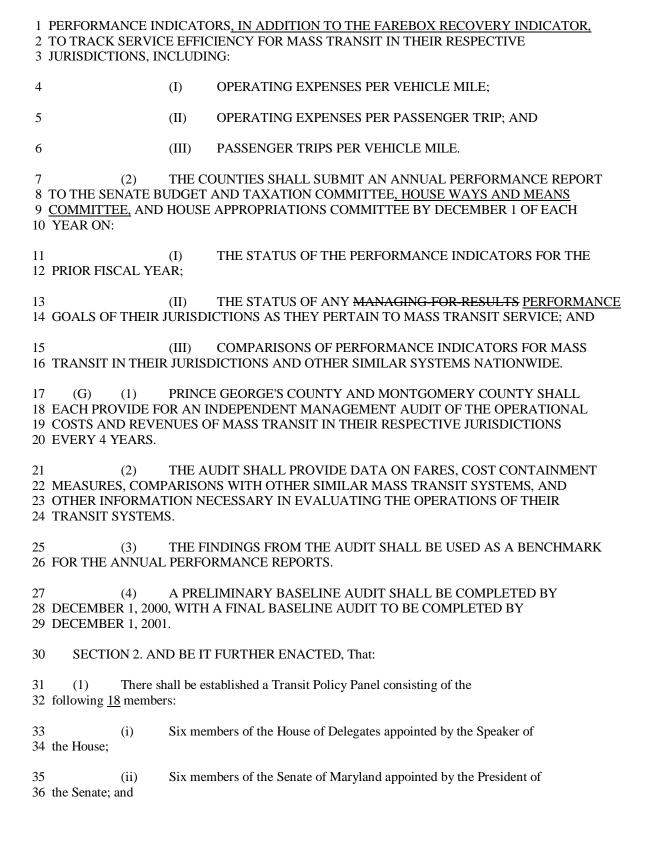
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By: The President (Administration) and Senator Hoffman Introduced and read first time: February 14, 2000 Assigned to: Rules Re-referred to: Budget and Taxation, February 18, 2000 Committee Report: Favorable with amendments Senate action: Adopted Read second time: April 1, 2000				
1	AN ACT concerning			
2	Mass Transit Services - Costs and Revenues			
3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11	FOR the purpose of modifying the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from certain revenues for certain mass transit services; requiring a certain cost recovery goal; requiring the implementation of certain performance indicators for certain mass transit services; requiring certain independent management audits for certain purposes; establishing a panel to study certain transit policies; requiring certain reports; providing for the staffing of a certain panel; providing for the termination of a section of this Act; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the funding of mass transit services.			
12 13 14 15 16	 Section 7-208 and 10-207 Annotated Code of Maryland 			
17 18	SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:			
19	Article - Transportation			
20	7-208.			
21	(a) [(1)] Subject to the authority of the Secretary and, where applicable, the Maryland Transportation Authority, the Administration has jurisdiction:			





1 2	(3) operating costs under	"Costs" means operating costs of eligible local bus service, plus r § 10-205 of this subtitle.		
3	(4)	"Service	e deficit" means costs less:	
4		(i)	The greater of:	
5 6	10-205(b) of this [sul	otitle] SU	1. [revenues] REVENUES collected under this section and § BTITLE; or	
7			2. [50] 40 percent of the costs; and	
8		(ii)	All federal operating assistance.	
11 12	(b) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of § 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form or detail as the Secretary shall reasonably require, the Department shall provide for annual grants to Prince George's County and Montgomery County for eligible local bus service as defined in this section. The amount of these grants shall be equal to:			
14	(1)	100 per	cent of the service deficit attributable to each county; less	
	(2) Washington Suburba subtitle.		ounty's share of the Department's annual grant to the District as determined under § 10-205(b) of this	
20	(c) The Department's grant for any eligible local bus service may not be greater than the operating grant that the Department would incur from the same bus service if operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This requirement shall be applied on a line by line basis.			
24 25 26 27 28	(d) Except with the specific approval of the Secretary, notwithstanding the provisions of § 10-205 of this subtitle, the combined grants for bus service to each county under this section and § 10-205(b) of this subtitle may not exceed the level of the combined grants for the prior fiscal year adjusted for inflation by the projected consumer price index CPI-U for the fiscal year in which the grant under this section is being awarded, using the actual consumer price index CPI-U at the close of the fiscal year. Adjustments shall be made to increase or decrease the combined grants in the subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate.			
	(e) (1) George's County and eligible local bus ser	l Montgo	partment shall provide an annual capital grant to Prince mery County for the purchase of buses to be used in	
	(2) addition to any feder George's County and	al funds	provided under paragraph (1) of this subsection shall be in received by the State for bus services operated by Prince mery County.	
36 37	(F) (1) COUNTY AND MO		SCAL YEARS <u>YEAR</u> 2001 AND THEREAFTER, PRINCE GEORGE'S IERY COUNTY SHALL IMPLEMENT ADDITIONAL	



- 1 (iii) Six members appointed by the Governor.
- 2 (2) The Governor shall appoint the chairman of the Panel.
- 3 (3) The Panel shall study and make recommendations on:
- 4 (i) Similarities and differences in service policies and demographic
- 5 needs for the transit services, including locally operated bus services as well as rail
- 6 services, in both the Baltimore regional area and the Washington regional area;
- 7 (ii) Viability and feasibility of parity treatment between the two regional
- 8 transit areas, as recommended by the recent Commission on Transportation
- 9 Investment; and
- 10 (iii) Projections on necessary services and costs, including funding
- 11 requirements and farebox recovery requirements, to implement the recent Transit
- 12 Advisory Panel recommendations, including the short-term and long-term impact on
- 13 the State Transportation Trust Fund.
- 14 (4) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall provide staff support
- 15 for the Panel.
- 16 (4) (5) The Panel shall report its findings and recommendations to the
- 17 Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General
- 18 Assembly by December 1, 2000.
- 19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall
- 20 take effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the
- 21 end of December 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly,
- 22 Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.
- 23 SECTION 3. 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take
- 24 effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of
- 25 June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall
- 26 be abrogated and of no further force and effect.