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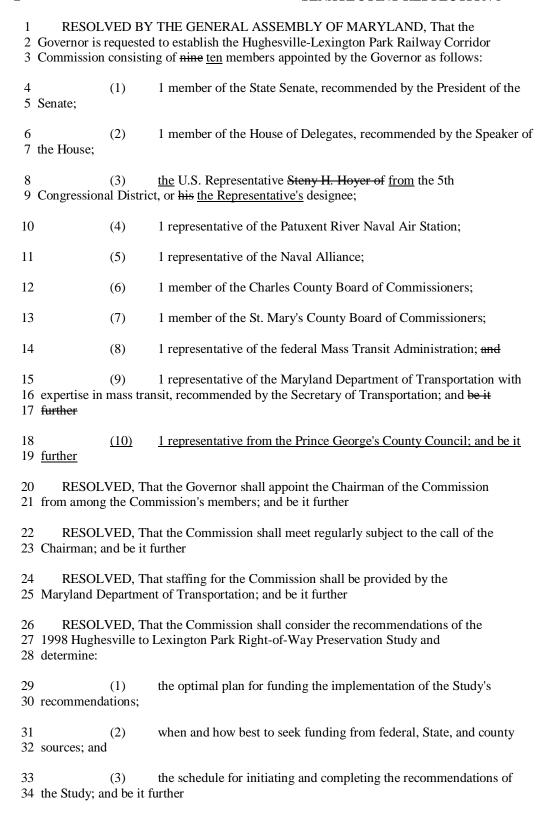
By: Senator Dyson	
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	RESOLUTION NO

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION

1 A Senate Joint Resolution concerning

2 Hughesville-Lexington Park Railway Corridor Commission

- 3 FOR the purpose of requesting the Governor to establish the Hughesville-Lexington
- 4 Park Railway Corridor Commission to take certain steps to initiate
- 5 implementation of the recommendations of the 1998 Hughesville to Lexington
- 6 Park Right-of-Way Preservation Study; providing for the appointment,
- 7 membership, staff, and duties of the Commission; requiring the Commission to
- 8 submit a report of its recommendations to the Governor and the General
- 9 <u>Assembly</u> by a certain date; and generally relating to the
- 10 Hughesville-Lexington Park Railway Corridor Commission.
- 11 WHEREAS, Because of population growth and increasing land values, the cost
- 12 of acquiring and constructing new rights-of-way is escalating and it is, therefore, in
- 13 the best interest of the State to protect existing railroad rights-of-way for possible
- 14 future use as trails, utility corridors, highways, mass transit, or railroad use; and
- 15 WHEREAS, There are several short term and long term actions that can be
- 16 taken now to ensure that future generations will have options from which to select
- 17 the best uses of railroad rights-of-way; and
- 18 WHEREAS, Implementation of specific recommendations with regard to
- 19 right-of-way preservation and use requires the support and cooperation of all
- 20 participating government agencies on the local, State, and federal levels; and
- 21 WHEREAS, The 1998 Hughesville to Lexington Park Right-of-Way
- 22 Preservation Study, resulting from Chapter 594 (SB 256) of the Acts of 1998,
- 23 recommended a plan of action for the preservation of the Hughesville-Lexington Park
- 24 right-of-way, and there is a vital and immediate need to take steps to implement
- 25 those recommendations; now, therefore, be it



- 1 RESOLVED, That the Commission shall submit a report on the Commission's
- 2 recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government
- 3 Article, to the General Assembly on or before July 1, 2001; and be it further
- 4 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
- 5 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
- 6 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
- 7 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.