

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly
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FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 738 (Delegates Rawlings and Billings)

Appropriations and Ways and Means

Budget Process - Appropriation to Transportation Trust Fund - Mass Transit Support

This bill authorizes the Governor to submit a supplemental budget proposing a general fund appropriation to the Transportation Trust Fund during each regular session of the General Assembly after the budget has been passed by at least one house of the General Assembly but before final action by the General Assembly on the budget. The bill expresses the intent of the General Assembly that the additional appropriations for transportation authorized by this bill be for mass transit capital or operating support.

The bill takes effect July 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Authorizing the Governor to submit a supplemental budget proposing a general fund appropriation to the Transportation Trust Fund would not affect the overall amount of State expenditures. To the extent the Governor appropriates additional general funds for transportation, expenditures within the Transportation Trust Fund would increase.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Bill Summary: The bill expresses the General Assembly's intent that the additional

appropriations authorized under the bill be the lesser of \$100 million or the sum of the following: (1) an increase in the forecast of general fund revenues subsequent to the submission of the State budget to the General Assembly; and (2) the reductions in general fund operating expenditures passed by at least one house of the General Assembly.

Current Law: The Governor already has the authority to submit a supplemental budget at any time before the General Assembly takes final action on the budget.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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