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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 609 (Senator Ruben)

Finance

**Transportation - Mass Transit - Implementation of User-Friendly Policies for
Children, Youth, and Families**

This bill requests the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), in conjunction with local mass transit agencies, to evaluate, and, where possible, to adopt and implement policies that encourage and promote the usage of mass transit by children, youth, and families. MDOT and local mass transit agencies should consult with other interested parties and hold public hearings to gather information, ideas, and recommendations. MDOT must report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 1, 2000.

The bill is effective June 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund expenditures would increase by \$125,000 in FY 2001 only to contract with a private consultant to help complete the evaluation requested by the bill.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. To the extent that the consultant's contract be awarded to a small business, the revenues of the business would increase.

Analysis

Current Law: There is no requirement under current law for MDOT to evaluate its policies as they relate to the usage of mass transit by children, youth, and families.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: HB 648 (Delegate Carlson, *et al.*) - Ways and Means.

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