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By: **Senator Dyson**  
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Assigned to: Finance

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Mass Transit Administration - Future Extension of Mass Transit Systems in**  
3 **Calvert County**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to study the  
5 feasibility of preserving and acquiring rights-of-way for a future mass transit  
6 extension in Calvert County and to report its findings and recommendations to  
7 the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Department to study and  
8 report on certain matters; providing for the effective date of this Act; providing  
9 for the abrogation of this Act; and generally relating to a future extension of  
10 mass transit systems.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall examine and make  
14 recommendations regarding the feasibility of preserving or acquiring the  
15 rights-of-way for a future mass transit extension from Chesapeake Beach to  
16 Solomons Island in Calvert County.

17 (b) The Department shall examine and make recommendations with regard  
18 to:

19 (1) Identifying the property that will be needed for any future extension  
20 and determining the ownership of the property;

21 (2) Estimating the cost for the State to purchase the necessary  
22 rights-of-way for the future extension; and

23 (3) Determining the feasibility of using a portion of an existing railroad  
24 for a portion of the future extension.

25 (c) The Department shall solicit input for the study from:

26 (1) The Calvert County Commissioners;

27 (2) Utility companies that currently use the old railroad right-of-way;  
28 and

1           (3)     Citizens who have been granted property access across the old  
2 railroad right-of-way.

3           (d)     The Department shall report its findings and recommendations under this  
4 Act to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government  
5 Article by January 1, 2002.

6           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the  
7 General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation utilize existing  
8 resources to examine and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of  
9 preserving or acquiring rights-of-way in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

10          SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 June 1, 2001. It shall remain effective for a period of 7 months and, at the end of  
12 December 31, 2001, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act  
13 shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.