

HOUSE BILL 1510

B5, R2

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By: **Montgomery County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: March 4, 2013

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Montgomery County – Transportation – Block Grant**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State to provide, subject to certain conditions, a
4 certain block grant from the General Fund of the State each fiscal year for
5 transportation projects and transportation–related capital improvements in
6 Montgomery County; specifying how the block grant money may be used;
7 providing that the block grant is in addition to certain other money that is
8 distributed to Montgomery County for certain transportation purposes; defining
9 a term; and generally relating to a block grant from the General Fund of the
10 State for transportation projects and transportation–related capital
11 improvements in Montgomery County.

12 BY adding to

13 Article – Transportation

14 Section 3–218

15 Annotated Code of Maryland

16 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2012 Supplement)

17 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
18 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 **3–218.**

21 **(A) THIS SECTION APPLIES ONLY TO MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

22 **(B) IN THIS SECTION, “BLOCK GRANT” MEANS A LUMP SUM PAYMENT OF**
23 **FUNDS.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(C) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTIONS (D) AND (E) OF THIS SECTION,**
2 **BEGINNING IN FISCAL YEAR 2015, THE STATE SHALL PROVIDE A BLOCK GRANT**
3 **OF \$32,000,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE TO MONTGOMERY**
4 **COUNTY EACH FISCAL YEAR TO PAY THE COST OF TRANSPORTATION**
5 **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AND OTHER TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CAPITAL**
6 **IMPROVEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY.**

7 **(2) THE \$32,000,000 BLOCK GRANT SHALL BE ADJUSTED**
8 **ANNUALLY BY THE GREATER OF:**

9 **(I) THE CONSUMER PRICE INDEX FOR ALL URBAN**
10 **CONSUMERS FOR THE WASHINGTON-BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA AS**
11 **PUBLISHED BY THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR**
12 **STATISTICS;**

13 **(II) THE CONSTRUCTION COST INDEX OF THE**
14 **ENGINEERING NEWS RECORD FOR BALTIMORE, MARYLAND; OR**

15 **(III) 5%.**

16 **(D) THE BLOCK GRANT:**

17 **(1) SHALL BE PROVIDED FOR EACH YEAR IN WHICH BONDS**
18 **ISSUED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY OR ANY OTHER ISSUER OF REVENUE BONDS**
19 **FOR THE PURPOSE OF FINANCING TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**
20 **AND TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY**
21 **COUNTY ARE OUTSTANDING;**

22 **(2) MAY BE PLEDGED TO THE PAYMENT OF DEBT SERVICE ON**
23 **THE BONDS DESCRIBED IN PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION; AND**

24 **(3) MAY BE USED TO MAKE PAYMENTS UNDER LEASES,**
25 **INSTALLMENT PURCHASE AGREEMENTS, OR ANY OTHER SIMILAR AGREEMENTS**
26 **FOR THE FINANCING OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS OR**
27 **TRANSPORTATION-RELATED CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS IN MONTGOMERY**
28 **COUNTY.**

29 **(E) THE BLOCK GRANT PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION IS**
30 **SUPPLEMENTAL TO AND IS NOT INTENDED TO TAKE THE PLACE OF FUNDING**
31 **THAT OTHERWISE WOULD BE APPROPRIATED FOR TRANSPORTATION PURPOSES**
32 **IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FROM ANY OTHER SOURCE.**

1 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
2 July 1, 2013.