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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Department of Transportation – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit**
3 **Authority Services – Utilization Study**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the
5 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, to study certain matters relating
6 to the utilization of transportation services provided by the Authority; requiring the
7 Department to collect, analyze, and evaluate certain information; requiring that the
8 information used in the study be gathered from data obtained within a certain period
9 of time; requiring that information used in the study pertaining to Maryland
10 jurisdictions be organized in a certain manner; requiring the Department to submit
11 a certain report to the Governor and certain committees of the General Assembly on
12 or before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
13 relating to a study of the utilization of transportation services provided by the
14 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
16 That:

17 (a) (1) The Department of Transportation, in cooperation with the Washington
18 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), shall study the utilization of bus, rail, and
19 subway transportation services under the jurisdiction of WMATA.

20 (2) In conducting the study, the Department shall:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) compile and analyze statistics regarding the starting points and
2 destinations, by jurisdiction, of individuals using WMATA–provided transportation
3 services;

4 (ii) determine the modes of transportation individuals use to connect
5 to WMATA–provided transportation services and the modes of transportation used
6 between WMATA–provided transportation services and final destinations, including
7 walking, personal vehicle, bus, and Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) train;

8 (iii) compile and analyze data on the number of individuals who use
9 Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess and the frequency of use; and

10 (iv) study and compare the various reasons individuals use
11 WMATA–provided transportation services, including traveling for work, educational,
12 entertainment, recreational, or other purposes.

13 (3) The information used in the study shall be from data gathered within
14 the previous 2 years.

15 (4) Information used in the study pertaining to Maryland jurisdictions
16 shall be organized by individual jurisdiction rather than by region, including separating
17 information for Baltimore County and Baltimore City.

18 (b) On or before December 1, 2015, the Department shall submit a report
19 detailing the results of the study conducted under this Act to the Governor and, in
20 accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the Senate Budget and Taxation
21 Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the
22 House Environment and Transportation Committee.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
24 1, 2015. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and, at the end of May 31, 2016, with
25 no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no
26 further force and effect.