SENATE BILL 862

By: Senator McCray
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CHAPTER ______

1 AN ACT concerning

2 Baltimore City – Maryland Transit Administration – Transit Services for Public
   School Students and Youth Workers

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide certain
   services to certain students of the Baltimore City Public School System and youth
   workers in the Baltimore City YouthWorks program; prohibiting the Maryland
   Transit Administration from seeking certain fees or reimbursement; and generally
   relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and free ridership for Baltimore
   City Public School System students and youth workers.

10 BY adding to
11 Article – Transportation
12 Section 7–710
13 Annotated Code of Maryland
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

17 Article – Transportation

18 7–710.

19 (A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT
20 VEHICLES TO ANY ELIGIBLE STUDENT;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.
Underlining indicates amendments to bill.
Strikeout indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by
amendment.
(1) **Student of a public school of Baltimore City; and**

(2) **Youth worker in the Baltimore City YouthWorks Program.**

(B) The services provided under subsection (A) of this section shall be provided only for:

(1) **A student of a public school in Baltimore City:**

   (i) Between the hours of 5 a.m. and 8 p.m.; and

   (ii) **For school–related or educational extracurricular activities on and off campus; or**

(2) **A youth worker in the Baltimore City YouthWorks Program:**

   (i) **During the YouthWorks summer job period; and**

   (ii) **For purposes of engaging in YouthWorks–related activities.**

(C) The administration may not collect fees or reimbursement for services provided under this section.

(D) The administration, in conjunction with Baltimore City Public Schools and the Mayor’s Office of Employment Development, shall adopt regulations that establish the eligibility criteria for students and youth workers receiving a Student SMART Card Transit Pass for the use of services provided under this section.

SECTION 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2022. It shall remain effective for a period of 5 years and, at the end of June 30, 2027, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.