

HOUSE BILL 1049

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By: **Delegate Bridges**

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Assaults on Public Transit Operators – Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a certain
4 annual report on assaults on public transit operators to certain persons; and
5 generally relating to assaults on public transit operators.

6 BY adding to

7 Article – Transportation

8 Section 7–714

9 Annotated Code of Maryland

10 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

13 **Article – Transportation**

14 **7–714.**

15 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
16 **INDICATED.**

17 **(2) “LOCAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY” MEANS:**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



1 (I) THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF A COUNTY; OR

2 (II) IF A COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY.

4 (3) (I) "PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO
5 IS:

6 1. EMPLOYED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE
7 WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, OR A POLITICAL
8 SUBDIVISION; AND

9 2. ENGAGED IN PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION
10 SERVICES, INCLUDING:

11 A. BUS SERVICE;

12 B. TRAIN SERVICE;

13 C. LIGHT RAIL SERVICE; AND

14 D. SUBWAY SERVICE.

15 (II) "PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR" INCLUDES A TRANSIT
16 STATION MANAGER.

17 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON
18 ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS AS REQUIRED BY THIS SECTION.

19 (C) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE
20 IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING 12 MONTHS:

21 (1) FOR EACH ASSAULT ON A PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR:

22 (I) THE NATURE OF THE ASSAULT;

23 (II) THE MODE OF TRANSIT WHERE THE ASSAULT OCCURRED;

24 (III) THE LOCATION OF THE ASSAULT;

25 (IV) WHETHER POLICE WERE INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO THE
26 ASSAULT; AND

1 **(V) THE OUTCOME OF ANY INVESTIGATION INTO THE ASSAULT,**
2 **INCLUDING ANY DISCIPLINARY ACTION TAKEN, IF THE INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE;**

3 **(2) A COMPARISON OF THE AGGREGATE DATA COMPILED UNDER**
4 **ITEM (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION WITH AT LEAST TWO OTHER STATES WITH SIMILAR**
5 **TRANSIT SYSTEMS OR POPULATIONS; AND**

6 **(3) A REVIEW OF CURRENT TRANSIT INDUSTRY BEST PRACTICES TO**
7 **PREVENT AND MITIGATE ASSAULTS ON PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATORS.**

8 **(D) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL**
9 **SUBMIT THE REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION TO:**

10 **(1) THE LOCAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY OF EACH COUNTY;**

11 **(2) THE STATE'S ATTORNEY FOR EACH COUNTY; AND**

12 **(3) THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IN**
13 **ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE:**

14 **(I) THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE;**

15 **(II) THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE;**

16 **(III) THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE; AND**

17 **(IV) THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION**
18 **COMMITTEE.**

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the report due on December
20 1, 2023, under § 7-714 of the Transportation Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act
21 shall include, in addition to the information required by § 7-714 of the Transportation
22 Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the following information:

23 (1) the data described in § 7-714(c)(1) of the Transportation Article as
24 enacted by Section 1 of this Act for each of the immediately preceding 5 years;

25 (2) an evaluation of assault prevention and mitigation technology and
26 policies for each transit system operated by a political subdivision;

27 (3) recommendations to improve the existing assault prevention and
28 mitigation technology and policies for each transit system operated by a political
29 subdivision; and

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1 (4) an evaluation of the feasibility of establishing a statewide local transit
2 safety officer to provide guidance to transit systems operated by political subdivisions on
3 best practices to prevent and mitigate assaults on public transit operators.

4 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2023.

Approved:

Governor.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.

President of the Senate.