

# SENATE BILL 693

R2

3lr1640  
CF HB 1049

---

By: **Senator Waldstreicher**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2023

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

---

Committee Report: Favorable with amendments

Senate action: Adopted with floor amendments

Read second time: March 4, 2023

---

## 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:

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

---

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                           **2. IF A COUNTY DOES NOT HAVE A CHIEF EXECUTIVE**  
2 **OFFICER, THE COUNTY GOVERNING BODY; AND**

3                           **(II) IF A MUNICIPALITY OPERATES A TRANSIT SYSTEM:**

4                           **1. THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE**  
5 **MUNICIPALITY; OR**

6                           **2. IF THE MUNICIPALITY DOES NOT HAVE A CHIEF**  
7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE MUNICIPALITY.**

8                           **(3) (I) "PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR" MEANS AN INDIVIDUAL WHO**  
9 **IS:**

10                           **1. EMPLOYED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, THE**  
11 **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY, OR A POLITICAL**  
12 **SUBDIVISION; AND**

13                           **2. ENGAGED IN PROVIDING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION**  
14 **SERVICES, INCLUDING:**

15                           **A. BUS SERVICE;**

16                           **B. TRAIN SERVICE;**

17                           **C. LIGHT RAIL SERVICE; AND**

18                           **D. SUBWAY SERVICE.**

19                           **(II) "PUBLIC TRANSIT OPERATOR" INCLUDES A TRANSIT**  
20 **STATION MANAGER.**

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

23                           **(C) THE REPORT SHALL INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE**  
24 **IMMEDIATELY PRECEDING ~~12 MONTHS~~ CALENDAR YEAR 12 MONTHS:**

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

26                           **(I) THE NATURE OF THE ASSAULT;**

27                           **(II) THE MODE OF TRANSIT WHERE THE ASSAULT OCCURRED;**

1 (III) THE LOCATION OF THE ASSAULT;

2 (IV) WHETHER POLICE WERE INVOLVED IN RESPONDING TO THE  
3 ASSAULT; AND

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

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

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

11 (D) ~~ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR ON OR BEFORE JANUARY 31,~~  
12 ~~2024 DECEMBER 1, 2023, AND EACH JANUARY 31 DECEMBER 1 THEREAFTER,~~ THE  
13 ADMINISTRATION SHALL SUBMIT THE REPORT UNDER THIS SECTION TO:

14 (1) EACH LOCAL EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY;

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

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

18 (I) THE SENATE JUDICIAL PROCEEDINGS COMMITTEE;

19 (II) THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE;

20 (III) THE HOUSE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE; AND

21 (IV) THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORTATION  
22 COMMITTEE.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the report due on ~~December~~  
24 ~~1, 2023, January 31, 2024~~ December 1, 2023, under § 7-714 of the Transportation Article  
25 as enacted by Section 1 of this Act shall include, in addition to the information required by  
26 § 7-714 of the Transportation Article as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, the following  
27 information:

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

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

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

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

9 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
10 1, 2023.

Approved:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Governor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President of the Senate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Speaker of the House of Delegates.