## **SENATE BILL 70**

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By: Senator McCray

Requested: September 3, 2023

Introduced and read first time: January 10, 2024

Assigned to: Finance

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## 2 Transportation - Change in Bus Service - Impacts Report

- FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, before announcing any reduction or cancellation of an existing bus route or line, to compile a report on the impacts of the proposed service reduction or cancellation; requiring the Administration to publish the report on its website at least a certain number of days before the required public hearing on the proposed service change; requiring the Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities; and generally relating to service reductions or cancellations of existing bus routes.
- 10 BY adding to
- 11 Article Transportation
- 12 Section 7–508
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2023 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 **7–508.**
- 19 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "ROUTE" MEANS A BUS ROUTE OR BUS LINE.
- 20 (B) BEFORE ANNOUNCING ANY SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION OF
- 21 AN EXISTING ROUTE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL COMPILE A REPORT ON THE
- 22 IMPACTS OF THE PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION THAT
- 23 INCLUDES:

1	(1)	INFO	RMAT	ION ON THE ROUTE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF:
2		(I)	THE	DEMOGRAPHICS OF:
3			1.	THE RIDERS ON THE ROUTE; AND
4			2.	THE SERVICE AREA;
5		(II)	THE	SCHOOLS IN THE SERVICE AREA;
6		(III)	THE	TYPES OF BUSINESSES IN THE SERVICE AREA;
7		(IV)	THE	MONTHLY RIDERSHIP ON THE ROUTE; AND
8	CANCELLATION	(V) WOULI	THE HAVE	EFFECT THAT THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR ON THE COMMUTES OF RIDERS ON THE ROUTE;
10 11	(2) OR DOCUMENTS			TION OF THE CONTENTS OF ANY MINUTES, RECORDS, THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION; AND
12 13	(3) REDUCTION OR			ATEMENT EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE SERVICE ON.
14 15	• •			YS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED UNDER § E ADMINISTRATION SHALL:
16 17	(1) A VISIBLE LINK I			HE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE WITH THE IMPACTED ROUTE ON THE PRIMARY PAGE; AND
18	(2)	DIST	RIBUT	TE THE REPORT TO:
19		<b>(I)</b>	THE	SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND
20 21	GOVERNMENT A	(II) ARTICL		ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE
22			1.	THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;
23			2.	THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;
24			3.	THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE;

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- 2 COMMITTEE; AND
- 3 EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHOSE
- 4 DISTRICT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTION OR
- 5 CANCELLATION OF THE ROUTE.
- 6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
- 7 October 1, 2024.