

HB0517/853825/1

BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 517  
(Third Reading File Bill)

On page 6, in line 28, strike “and”; and in line 30, after “organization” insert “;  
and

(9) two members who regularly use MTA services, appointed by the Governor”.

On page 7, in line 1, after “Services” insert “and the Department of Transportation”; in line 7, strike “issues relating to a reorganization of” and substitute “the potential for reorganizing”; in line 14, strike “process” and substitute “necessary steps”; in the same line, strike “as part” and substitute “in the event”; in line 19, after the first “the” insert “potential for the”; strike beginning with “to” in line 20 down through “reduced” in line 31; and strike in their entirety lines 32 through 34, inclusive, and substitute:

“(g) (1) To the extent practicable, the Workgroup shall:

(i) analyze alternative reorganization plans and weigh the costs and benefits of each alternative;

(ii) provide cost estimates for any reorganization plan; and

(iii) analyze the impact of any potential reorganization plan on federal funding and regulatory compliance.

(2) Any reorganization plan considered by the Workgroup under this subsection may not reduce funding for local Baltimore City transit services.

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(h) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the fiscal year 2027 budget for the Office of the Secretary of Transportation include an appropriation of \$150,000 for consulting services to support the efforts of the Workgroup.

(i) On or before December 1, 2026:

(1) the Workgroup shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly; and

(2) the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Legislative Services, shall submit to the Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate draft legislation to effectuate the recommendations of the Workgroup.”.

On page 8, strike in their entirety lines 1 through 14, inclusive; in line 15, strike “3.” and substitute “2.”; in line 16, strike “1 year” and substitute “2 years”; and in the same line, strike “2026” and substitute “2027”.