

HOUSE BILL 386

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Introduced and read first time: January 21, 2026

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation and Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Governor to withhold a certain percentage of the annual
4 appropriation for grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District under certain
5 circumstances; altering the calculation of the amount that the Governor is required
6 to include in the annual State budget each year to provide grants to the Washington
7 Suburban Transit District to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan
8 Area Transit Authority; requiring the Governor to include an appropriation in the
9 annual State budget bill for the purpose of paying the State's proportionate share of
10 the Metrorail Operating Subsidy Allocation Formula; requiring the Department to
11 withhold certain grants for any fiscal year in which the Authority invests in a rail
12 signaling system without reaching certain collective bargaining agreements; making
13 this Act contingent on enactment of certain legislation by the Commonwealth of
14 Virginia and the District of Columbia; and generally relating to funding for the
15 Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
17 Article – Transportation
18 Section 10–205(f) and (g)
19 Annotated Code of Maryland
20 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

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

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Article – Transportation

2 10-205.

19 C. The monthly ridership of rail and bus systems broken
20 down by Metrorail station, Metrorail line, bus route, and bus line;

21 D. Strategies to reduce costs and improve the Washington
22 Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's operational efficiency; and

26 A. Annual budget;

27 B. Annual independent financial audit;

28 C. Annual National Transit Database profile; and

29 D. Single audit reports issued in accordance

31 Federal Awards under 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

5 (iii) 1. The Governor shall withhold 35% of the appropriation
6 under paragraph (1) of this subsection if:

36 (3) The Governor shall make the appropriation under paragraph (1) of this
37 subsection from the Transportation Trust Fund.

10 (g) (1) (I) The Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation
11 for the purposes specified under [paragraph (2) of this subsection of \$167,000,000]
12 **PARAGRAPHS (2) AND (4) OF THIS SUBSECTION** from the revenues available for the
13 State capital program in the Transportation Trust Fund.

(2) The Department shall provide an annual grant of at least \$167,000,000 to the Washington Suburban Transit District to be used only to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

35 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) Section 1 of this Act is contingent on:

(1) the Commonwealth of Virginia enacting legislation that provides dedicated capital funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority that includes:

5 (i) a mandatory appropriation for the Commonwealth of Virginia's
6 proportionate share of the Metrorail Operating Subsidy Allocation Formula; and

7 (ii) an annual 3% increase to the mandatory appropriation; and

10 (i) a mandatory appropriation for the District of Columbia's
11 proportionate share of the Metrorail Operating Subsidy Allocation Formula; and

12 (ii) an annual 3% increase to the base amount of capital funding.

17 (c) Section 1 of this Act shall take effect on the date that the Department of
18 Legislative Services receives notice under subsection (b) of this section.

19 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, subject to Section 2 of this
20 Act, this Act shall take effect June 1, 2026.