



# Montgomery County

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**HB 116**

**DATE: January 15, 2021**

**SPONSOR: Delegate Palakovich Carr**

**ASSIGNED TO: Environment and Transportation**

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**POSITION: SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

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### **Transportation – I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study**

House Bill 116 requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to study and make recommendations on the feasibility of establishing a point-to-point commuter bus route that services population centers along the I-270 corridor and provides service to and from Virginia job centers.

This bill is a reintroduction of a bill from last year. That bill was supported by Montgomery County with some suggestions for amendments to improve the value of the study.

*The County understands that the sponsor will be submitting a set of amendments that replaces the study requirement with a requirement that MDOT move forward now to establish a commuter bus line between the Shady Grove Metro Station in Montgomery County and Tysons in Fairfax County. Establishing this connection was included among a list of preliminary recommendations released in a study completed last month by transportation departments in Virginia and Maryland. That study was undertaken to identify potential transit options to connect the two state's most populous counties and to reduce the number of vehicle trips over the American Legion Bridge.*

*Montgomery County looks forward to reviewing these amendments once they are finalized.*