

SENATE BILL 1064

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By: **Senator Pipkin**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority – Revenue**
3 **Contributions by Montgomery County and Prince George’s County**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the amount of certain State grants to the Washington
5 Suburban Transit District for certain transit service; altering the amount of
6 certain State grants to certain local bus systems in Montgomery County and in
7 Prince George’s County; requiring Montgomery County and Prince George’s
8 County to contribute certain local revenues for certain transit service; and
9 generally relating to revenue contributions by the State and by Montgomery
10 County and Prince George’s County for certain transit service.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
12 Article – Transportation
13 Section 10–205(b) and 10–207(b)
14 Annotated Code of Maryland
15 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 10–205.

20 (b) (1) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary
21 provisions of § 3–216(d) of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant
22 application in such form and detail as the Secretary shall reasonably require, the
23 Department shall provide for annual grants to the Washington Suburban Transit
24 District for a share of the operating deficits of the regional transit system for which
25 the District is responsible. “Operating deficit” means operating costs less:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (i) The greater of operating revenues or 50 percent of the
2 operating costs; and

3 (ii) All federal operating assistance.

4 (2) The Department's share shall equal [100] **75** percent of the
5 operating deficit.

6 10-207.

7 (b) (1) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary
8 provisions of § 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant
9 application in the form or detail as the Secretary shall reasonably require, the
10 Department shall provide for annual grants to Prince George's County and
11 Montgomery County for eligible local bus service as defined in this section. The
12 amount of these grants shall be equal to:

13 (i) [100] **75** percent of the service deficit attributable to each
14 county; less

15 (ii) Each county's share of the Department's annual grant to the
16 Washington Suburban Transit District as determined under § 10-205(b) of this
17 subtitle.

18 (2) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, the Secretary may
19 authorize payments to Prince George's County and Montgomery County:

20 (i) To subsidize new bus service for a period of 36 months from
21 the initiation of service; and

22 (ii) For the loss of revenues from fare modifications for a period
23 of 36 months from the date of the modification.

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
25 July 1, 2012.