

HOUSE BILL 1507

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CF SB 70

By: **Delegate Addison**

Introduced and read first time: February 21, 2024

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Change in Bus Service – Impacts Report**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, before announcing any
4 reduction or cancellation of an existing bus route or line, to compile a report on the
5 impacts of the proposed service reduction or cancellation; requiring the
6 Administration to publish the report on its website at least a certain number of days
7 before the required public hearing on the proposed service change; requiring the
8 Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities; and generally
9 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:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(1) INFORMATION ON THE ROUTE, INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF:

(I) THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF:

1. THE RIDERS ON THE ROUTE; AND

2. THE SERVICE AREA;

(II) THE SCHOOLS IN THE SERVICE AREA;

(III) THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES IN THE SERVICE AREA;

(IV) THE MONTHLY RIDERSHIP ON THE ROUTE; AND

**(V) THE EFFECT THAT THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR
CANCELLATION WOULD HAVE ON THE COMMUTES OF RIDERS ON THE ROUTE;**

**(2) A DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENTS OF ANY MINUTES, RECORDS,
OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE SERVICE REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION; AND**

**(3) A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE SERVICE
REDUCTION OR CANCELLATION.**

**(C) AT LEAST 30 DAYS BEFORE THE PUBLIC HEARING REQUIRED UNDER §
7-506 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:**

**(1) PUBLISH THE REPORT ON THE ADMINISTRATION'S WEBSITE WITH
A VISIBLE LINK IDENTIFYING THE IMPACTED ROUTE ON THE PRIMARY PAGE; AND**

(2) DISTRIBUTE THE REPORT TO:

(I) THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION; AND

**(II) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE
GOVERNMENT ARTICLE:**

1. THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE;

2. THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE;

3. THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE;

