

SENATE BILL 1149

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CF HB 1132

By: **Senators Oaks, Benson, Feldman, Guzzone, Klausmeier, Mathias, Reilly, Rosapepe, Smith, and Zucker**

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Assigned to: Rules

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Maryland Transit Administration – ~~Free Ridership for State~~**
3 **Employees Transit Services for Public School Students**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to ~~extend to employees~~
5 ~~of the Judicial Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the~~
6 ~~application of any program, policy, or practice through which free ridership on~~
7 ~~transit vehicles is offered to employees of the Executive Branch of State government~~
8 provide certain services to certain students of the Baltimore City public school
9 system; providing that services provided under this Act are limited to certain
10 activities and a certain time period; prohibiting the Maryland Transit
11 Administration from seeking certain fees or reimbursement; authorizing the
12 Maryland Transit Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring the
13 Administration, in conjunction with Baltimore City Public Schools, to adopt
14 regulations that establish certain eligibility criteria for certain students for use of
15 services provided under this Act; requiring the City of Baltimore and the Baltimore
16 City Board of School Commissioners to submit a certain report beginning on or before
17 a certain date, and on or before a certain date each year thereafter; providing for a
18 delayed effective date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
19 relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and free ridership for ~~State~~
20 employees Baltimore City public school students.

21 BY adding to
22 Article – Transportation

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.



Section 7-709
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

~~SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
That the Maryland Transit Administration shall extend to employees of the Judicial
Branch and the Legislative Branch of State government the application of any program,
policy, or practice through which free ridership on transit vehicles is offered to employees
of the Executive Branch of State government.~~

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

Article – Transportation

7-709.

(A) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT
VEHICLES TO ANY ELIGIBLE STUDENT OF A PUBLIC SCHOOL OF BALTIMORE CITY.

(B) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION
SHALL BE PROVIDED:

(1) BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 5 A.M. AND 8 P.M.; AND

(2) FOR SCHOOL-RELATED OR EDUCATIONAL EXTRACURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES ON AND OFF CAMPUS ONLY.

(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT COLLECT FEES OR REIMBURSEMENT
FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(D) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT RULES AND REGULATIONS TO
CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION, IN CONJUNCTION WITH BALTIMORE CITY
PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS THAT ESTABLISH THE ELIGIBILITY
CRITERIA FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING A STUDENT SMART CARD FOR THE USE OF
SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION.

(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2017 2018, AND ON OR BEFORE
DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE CITY OF BALTIMORE AND THE
BALTIMORE CITY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT
TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE
GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON:

1 **(1) THE FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE BALTIMORE CITY PUBLIC**
2 **SCHOOL SYSTEM;**

3 **(2) THE IMPACT OF THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS SECTION;**
4 **AND**

5 **(3) WHETHER THERE IS A NEED TO MAINTAIN:**

6 **(I) THE SERVICES REQUIRED UNDER THIS SECTION; AND**

7 **(II) THE PROHIBITION ON THE COLLECTION OF FEES AND**
8 **REIMBURSEMENT BY THE ADMINISTRATION FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS**
9 **SECTION.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect ~~June~~
11 ~~July 1, 2017~~ 2018. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June
12 30, 2020 2021, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
13 abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.