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By: Senators Beidle, Elfreth, Reilly, and Rosapepe

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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## Transportation - Third Chesapeake Bay Crossing - Study

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study on adding a third Chesapeake Bay crossing and its 4 5 potential impacts; requiring the Institute to study and make recommendations 6 regarding certain matters; requiring the Department of Transportation to provide 7 the Institute with any information necessary for the completion of the study; 8 requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill 9 in a certain fiscal year; requiring the Institute to report its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain other 10 11 governmental entities on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of 12 this Act; and generally relating to conducting a study on a third Chesapeake Bay 13 crossing.

- 14 BY adding to
- 15 Article Transportation
- 16 Section 4–408
- 17 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)
- 19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
- 20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:
- 21 Article Transportation
- 22 **4–408.**
- 23 (A) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
- 24 MARYLAND SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ADDITION OF A THIRD CHESAPEAKE
- 25 BAY CROSSING.



$\frac{1}{2}$	(B) (1) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE SHALL:
3 4	(I) STUDY SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC ON, AROUND, AND CAUSED BY THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE;
5 6	(II) STUDY THE POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ADDING A THIRD CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSING;
7 8 9	(III) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE;
10	(IV) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR:
11 12 13	1. IMPLEMENTING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC ON CURRENT AND FUTURE CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSINGS; AND
14 15 16	2. Addressing potential health and environmental impacts of constructing and operating a third Chesapeake Bay crossing.
17 18	(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:
19	(I) SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:
20	1. CHANGES IN TRAFFIC PATTERNS;
21	2. CHANGES IN TOLL COLLECTION METHODS; AND
22 23	3. BANNING CERTAIN TYPES OF VEHICLES AT SPECIFIC TIMES; AND
24	(II) LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:
25	1. RAIL TRAVEL;
26	2. RAPID BUS TRANSIT;
27	3. FERRY TRANSIT; AND

1	4. TRAFFIC CONTROL LANES.
2 3 4	(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE WITH ANY INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDY.
5 6 7	(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE STUDY.
8 9	(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO:
10	(1) THE GOVERNOR;
11	(2) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;
12	(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY; AND
13 14	(4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2–1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE:
15 16	(I) THE MEMBERS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;
17 18	(II) THE MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND
19	(III) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.
20 21 22 23	SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2023, this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.