

HOUSE BILL 1651

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By: **Delegate Barve**

Introduced and read first time: March 6, 2017

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – Transit Ridership of Executive Branch**
3 **Employees – Fare Required**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from allowing an
5 employee of the Executive Branch of State government to use a transit service
6 without paying the established fare; authorizing the Administration to allow, under
7 certain circumstances, an employee of the Executive Branch of State government to
8 use a transit service without payment of a certain fare; requiring the Administration,
9 each fiscal year, to estimate the total amount of fares recovered from employees of
10 the Executive Branch of State government; requiring the Administration to
11 reimburse local governments and boards of education certain amounts; providing
12 that the Administration may not provide reimbursements that in the aggregate
13 exceed a certain estimate; providing that if a certain estimate exceeds a certain
14 amount the Administration must use the excess for certain purposes; providing for
15 a delayed effective date; and generally relating to a requirement that certain
16 employees of the Executive Branch of State government pay certain established fares
17 for certain transit services.

18 BY adding to
19 Article – Transportation
20 Section 7–709
21 Annotated Code of Maryland
22 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2016 Supplement)

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

25 **Article – Transportation**
26 **7–709.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(A) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO USE A TRANSIT SERVICE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE ESTABLISHED FARE FOR THE USE OF THE TRANSIT SERVICE.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ALLOW AN EMPLOYEE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT TO USE A TRANSIT SERVICE WITHOUT PAYMENT OF THE ESTABLISHED FARE IF THE USE OF THE TRANSIT SERVICE IS IN THE COURSE OF THE EMPLOYEE'S EMPLOYMENT WITH THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT.

(B) (1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(I) ESTIMATE THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF INCREASED REVENUE FROM FARES PAID BY EMPLOYEES OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT; AND

(II) FROM THE INCREASE IN REVENUE FROM FARES UNDER SUBSECTION (A) OF THIS SECTION, REIMBURSE A LOCAL GOVERNMENT OR BOARD OF EDUCATION THAT PAYS:

1. A FARE, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE TO THE ADMINISTRATION FOR TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO OR FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE; OR

2. A TOLL, FEE, OR OTHER CHARGE TO THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY IN THE COURSE OF TRANSPORTING STUDENTS TO OR FROM A PUBLIC SCHOOL IN THE STATE.

(2) FOR ANY FISCAL YEAR, THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT PROVIDE REIMBURSEMENTS UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION THAT IN THE AGGREGATE EXCEED THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(3) IF THE AMOUNT ESTIMATED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(I) OF THIS SUBSECTION EXCEEDS THE REIMBURSEMENTS MADE UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(II) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE THE REMAINDER FOR THE SAME PURPOSES AS OTHER FARES AND OPERATING REVENUE RECOVERED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2018.