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Third Reader

Senate Bill 494

(Senator Feldman)

Finance

Environment and Transportation

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact - Department of  
Planning - Name Correction

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This bill makes technical corrections related to the name of the Maryland Department of Planning in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Compact. The bill also repeals related and obsolete contingency language. **The bill takes effect June 1, 2018.**

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Fiscal Summary

**State Effect:** None. The bill is technical in nature and does not affect State operations or finances.

**Local Effect:** None.

**Small Business Effect:** None.

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Analysis

**Bill Summary/Current Law:** WMATA was established in 1967 through an interstate compact among Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia. The compact currently references the Maryland *Office* of Planning; however, the office became a principal department of State government and was renamed as the Maryland *Department* of Planning pursuant to Chapter 209 of 2000.

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## Additional Information

**Prior Introductions:** None.

**Cross File:** HB 533 (Delegate Carr)(Chair, Joint Committee on Federal Relations) - Environment and Transportation.

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