

SENATE BILL 319

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CF HB 201

By: **Senators Augustine, Elfreth, Feldman, Hayes, Kramer, Smith, Washington, and Zucker**

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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – State Employees ~~Subject to Collective~~**
3 **~~Bargaining~~ – Free Ridership**
4 **(Transit Benefit for State Employees)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide certain
6 ridership services to certain ~~State permanent~~ employees of the Executive Branch of
7 State government on certain transit vehicles; prohibiting the Administration from
8 seeking certain fees or reimbursement; authorizing the Administration to adopt
9 certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation and the
10 Department of Budget and Management to report to certain committees of the
11 General Assembly on or before a certain date; ~~defining a certain term~~; and generally
12 relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and ridership for State employees.

13 BY adding to

14 Article – Transportation

15 Section 7–711

16 Annotated Code of Maryland

17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

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

20 **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.



1 7-711.

2 (A) ~~IN THIS SECTION, "ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE" MEANS A STATE~~
 3 ~~EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE STATE~~
 4 ~~PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE OR § 7-601 OF THIS TITLE.~~

5 ~~(B)~~ (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT
 6 VEHICLES TO ANY ~~ELIGIBLE STATE~~ PERMANENT EMPLOYEE IN ANY UNIT OF THE
 7 EXECUTIVE BRANCH OF STATE GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING A UNIT WITH AN
 8 INDEPENDENT PERSONNEL SYSTEM.

9 (2) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS
 10 SUBSECTION APPLY TO TRANSIT VEHICLES THAT ARE PART OF THE
 11 ADMINISTRATION'S:

12 (I) LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM;

13 (II) METRO SUBWAY;

14 (III) LOCAL BUS SERVICE;

15 (IV) COMMUTER BUS SERVICE IN THE BALTIMORE REGION; AND

16 (V) ANY OTHER SYSTEMS AND SERVICES SPECIFIED BY THE
 17 ADMINISTRATION.

18 ~~(C)~~ (B) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT COLLECT FEES OR
 19 REIMBURSEMENT FROM AN ~~ELIGIBLE STATE~~ EMPLOYEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED
 20 UNDER THIS SECTION.

21 ~~(D)~~ (C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT
 22 THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

23 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2020,
 24 the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and
 25 Management shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate
 26 Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with §
 27 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the cost and feasibility of expanding the State
 28 employee transit ridership program to:

29 ~~(1)~~ include ridership on the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
 30 Train Service and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); ~~and~~

31 ~~(2)~~ employees of the Legislative and Judicial Branches of State
 32 government.

1 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
2 1, 2019.

Approved:

Governor.

President of the Senate.

Speaker of the House of Delegates.