

State House
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Mr. Speaker:

In accordance with Article II, Section 17 of the Maryland Constitution, today I have vetoed House Bill 1345 – *Transportation Funding – Mass Transit – Funding Study*.

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct specified analyses of the operating and capital funding needs for transit over a specified period of time; and requires the Department to review the funding structures of specified transit services across the country and in specified cities outside the United States.

Senate Bill 850, which was passed by the General Assembly and signed by me, accomplishes the same purpose. Therefore, it is not necessary for me to sign House Bill 1345.

Very truly yours,
Robert L. Ehrlich, Jr.
Governor

House Bill No. 1345

AN ACT concerning

Transportation Funding – Mass Transit – Funding Study

FOR the purpose of ~~altering the distribution of sales and use tax revenue; creating a Mass Transit Account within the Transportation Trust Fund; providing for the distribution of certain sales and use tax revenue to the Mass Transit Account within the Fund; pledging certain taxes collected to pay the principal and interest on certain bonds; limiting the use of the Mass Transit Account to funding certain transit expenses; providing that certain revenues distributed to the Mass Transit Account are in addition to and may not supplant certain other funds for mass transit; stating the intent of the General Assembly that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board of Directors adopt certain financial planning and business practices; requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to conduct certain analyses on the operating and capital funding needs for transit over a certain period of time; requiring the Department to conduct certain reviews of the funding structures of certain other transit systems; requiring the Department to identify certain funding strategies; establishing a certain steering committee; providing for the membership of the steering committee; requiring the Department to submit a certain report; and generally relating to the funding of mass transit in the State.~~

BY repealing

~~Article Transportation~~

~~The subtitle designation “Subtitle 4. Transportation Revenue Sharing Fund” of Title 3~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~