

[(c)] (B) Subject to the appropriation requirements and budgetary provisions of § 3-216 of this article and upon receipt of an approval of a grant application in the form or detail as the Secretary shall reasonably require, the Department shall provide for annual grants to Prince George's County and Montgomery County for [a share of the annual operating deficits beginning on July 1, 1984 of the local bus systems for bus service that a local bus system provides after January 1, 1978 to replace comparable bus service in each county that the bus transit system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority operated prior to the effective date of this section. The amount of comparable bus service eligible for the Department's grants shall be limited to the number of bus platform miles and platform hours previously operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the replaced service] ELIGIBLE LOCAL BUS SERVICE AS DEFINED IN THIS SECTION. THE AMOUNT OF THESE GRANTS SHALL BE EQUAL TO:

(1) 75 PERCENT OF THE SERVICE DEFICIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EACH COUNTY; LESS

(2) EACH COUNTY'S SHARE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S ANNUAL GRANT TO THE WASHINGTON SUBURBAN TRANSIT DISTRICT AS DETERMINED UNDER SECTION 10-205(B) OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE DEPARTMENT'S GRANT FOR ANY ELIGIBLE LOCAL BUS SERVICE MAY NOT BE GREATER THAN THE OPERATING GRANT THAT THE DEPARTMENT WOULD INCUR FROM THE SAME BUS SERVICE IF OPERATED BY THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY. THIS REQUIREMENT SHALL BE APPLIED ON A LINE BY LINE BASIS.

(D) EXCEPT WITH THE SPECIFIC APPROVAL OF THE SECRETARY, NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 10-205 OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE COMBINED GRANTS FOR BUS SERVICE TO EACH COUNTY UNDER SECTIONS 10-205(B) AND 10-207 OF THIS SUBTITLE MAY NOT EXCEED THE LEVEL OF THE COMBINED GRANTS FOR THE PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ADJUSTED FOR INFLATION BY THE CONSUMER--PRICE--INDEX--CPI-U PROJECTED CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CPI-U FOR THE FISCAL YEAR IN WHICH THE GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION IS BEING AWARDED, USING THE ACTUAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX CPI-U AT THE CLOSE OF THE FISCAL YEAR. ADJUSTMENTS SHALL BE MADE TO INCREASE OR DECREASE THE COMBINED GRANTS IN THE SUBSEQUENT FISCAL YEAR TO REFLECT THE ACTUAL INFLATION RATE.

[(d) The Department's share shall equal 75 percent of the operating deficit of a local bus system for bus service described in subsection (c) of this section.]

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 1 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 1989.