

(ii) Viability and feasibility of parity treatment between the two regional transit areas, as recommended by the recent Commission on Transportation Investment; and

(iii) Projections on necessary services and costs, including funding requirements and farebox recovery requirements, to implement the recent Transit Advisory Panel recommendations, including the short-term and long-term impact on the State Transportation Trust Fund.

(4) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall provide staff support for the Panel.

(4) (5) The Panel shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 1, 2000.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Department of Transportation shall submit in the Department's annual budget request separate farebox recovery projections for the fiscal year covered by the budget request for the Mass Transit Administration's and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's bus, light rail, and metro services.

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 6 months and, at the end of December 31, 2000, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION ~~3~~ 4, ~~5~~. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2000. It shall remain effective for a period of 4 years and, at the end of June 30, 2004, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 211

(House Bill 1248)

AN ACT concerning

Mass Transit Services – Costs and Revenues

FOR the purpose of modifying the percentage of operating costs that must be recovered from certain revenues for certain mass transit services; requiring a certain cost recovery goal; requiring the implementation of certain performance indicators for certain mass transit services; requiring certain independent management audits for certain purposes; establishing a panel to study certain transit policies; requiring certain reports; providing for the staffing of a certain panel; requiring the Department of Transportation to submit certain projections in the Department's annual budget request; providing for the termination of a