

[(3)](4) The Administration shall obtain the fare recovery ratio through the establishment of reasonable fares in the Baltimore region and the implementation of cost containment measures as deemed necessary to meet the standard required under this paragraph.

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(a) (1) In this section, the following words have the meanings indicated.

(2) "Eligible local bus service":

(i) Means the number of annual platform miles and annual platform hours of fixed route, scheduled local bus service, that previously replaced comparable service operated by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, plus the number of annual platform miles and annual platform hours of any new fixed route, scheduled local bus service added after June 30, 1989; and

(ii) Is limited to service operated by or on behalf of and in Montgomery County or Prince George's County.

(3) "Costs" means operating costs of eligible local bus service, plus operating costs under § 10-205 of this subtitle.

(4) "Service deficit" means costs less:

(i) The greater of:

1. Revenues collected under this section and § 10-205(b) of this subtitle; or

2. 40 percent of the costs; and

(ii) All federal operating assistance.

(b) (1) 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 eligible local bus service as defined in this section. The amount of these grants shall be equal to:

[(1)](I) 100 percent of the service deficit attributable to each county; less

[(2)](II) Each county's share of the Department's annual grant to the Washington Suburban Transit District as determined under § 10-205(b) of this subtitle.

(2) NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION, THE SECRETARY MAY AUTHORIZE PAYMENTS TO PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COUNTY:

(I) TO SUBSIDIZE NEW BUS SERVICE FOR A PERIOD OF ~~36~~ 30 36 MONTHS FROM THE INITIATION OF SERVICE; AND