

SENATE BILL 2515

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AN ACT relative to mass transportation.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. The department of transportation is directed to study the feasibility of constructing, operating, maintaining and financing a monorail public transportation system for transporting passengers on and along the Nashville Southeast Corridor, including any monorail facilities, operating equipment, guideways, pylons, passenger stations, terminals, and parking facilities necessary for passenger and vehicular access to and from the monorail facilities. The term "Nashville Southeast Corridor" means the corridor on and along Interstate 24 that connects downtown Murfreesboro to downtown Nashville, which is approximately thirty (30) miles long. The study shall identify all public and private funding sources, including amounts, that can reasonably be anticipated and estimated costs and revenues. The department is directed to study the use, implementation and funding of such systems in other states and consult with or request assistance from any metropolitan planning organization or rural planning organization for the region and the affected counties and cities located along the Nashville Southeast Corridor. The department shall report its findings and any recommendations resulting from the study to the transportation and safety committee of the senate and the transportation committee of the house of representatives on or before February 1, 2015.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.