

SENATE BILL 319

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Assigned to: Finance

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transit Administration – State Employees Subject to Collective**
3 **Bargaining – Free Ridership**
4 **(Transit Benefit for State Employees)**

5 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to provide certain
6 ridership services to certain State employees on certain transit vehicles; prohibiting
7 the Administration from seeking certain fees or reimbursement; authorizing the
8 Administration to adopt certain regulations; requiring the Maryland Department of
9 Transportation and the Department of Budget and Management to report to certain
10 committees of the General Assembly on or before a certain date; defining a certain
11 term; and generally relating to the Maryland Transit Administration and ridership
12 for State employees.

13 BY adding to
14 Article – Transportation
15 Section 7-711
16 Annotated Code of Maryland
17 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

18 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
19 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

20 **Article – Transportation**

21 **7-711.**

22 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE” MEANS A STATE**
23 **EMPLOYEE SUBJECT TO COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UNDER TITLE 3 OF THE STATE**
24 **PERSONNEL AND PENSIONS ARTICLE OR § 7-601 OF THIS TITLE.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(B) (1) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PROVIDE RIDERSHIP ON TRANSIT**
2 **VEHICLES TO ANY ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE.**

3 **(2) THE SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS**
4 **SUBSECTION APPLY TO TRANSIT VEHICLES THAT ARE PART OF THE**
5 **ADMINISTRATION'S:**

- 6 **(I) LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM;**
- 7 **(II) METRO SUBWAY;**
- 8 **(III) LOCAL BUS SERVICE;**
- 9 **(IV) COMMUTER BUS SERVICE IN THE BALTIMORE REGION; AND**
- 10 **(V) ANY OTHER SYSTEMS AND SERVICES SPECIFIED BY THE**
11 **ADMINISTRATION.**

12 **(C) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT COLLECT FEES OR REIMBURSEMENT**
13 **FROM AN ELIGIBLE STATE EMPLOYEE FOR SERVICES PROVIDED UNDER THIS**
14 **SECTION.**

15 **(D) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY ADOPT REGULATIONS TO CARRY OUT THE**
16 **PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.**

17 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That, on or before January 1, 2020,
18 the Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Budget and
19 Management shall report to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate
20 Finance Committee, and the House Appropriations Committee, in accordance with §
21 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on the cost and feasibility of expanding the State
22 employee transit ridership program to:

23 (1) include ridership on the Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC)
24 Train Service and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA); and

25 (2) employees of the Legislative and Judicial Branches of State
26 government.

27 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
28 1, 2019.