

Department of Planning and Budget 2012 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB601

House of Origin	<input type="checkbox"/> Introduced	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input type="checkbox"/> Engrossed
Second House	<input type="checkbox"/> In Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Substitute	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Enrolled

2. Patron: LeMunyon

3. Committee: Passed both houses

4. Title: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; board membership

5. Summary: The proposed legislation would amend the membership of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), which is the Metro and transit provider in Northern Virginia, Washington DC and Maryland. Virginia has two principle members and two alternates on the WMATA board, who are designated by the Northern Virginia District Commission (NVTC) from within its board. The NVTC board is comprised of local government officials from Northern Virginia localities.

The bill would designate the Secretary of Transportation or his designee as one of Virginia's principle members on the WMATA board. The Secretary's designee must be a resident of a locality served by WMATA. The bill also specifies requirements that must be met by NVTC board members in order to be eligible for membership on the WMATA board.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: None.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final. See Item 8.

8. Fiscal Implications: Recent federal legislation requires Virginia, Maryland and the District of Columbia to each provide \$50 million to WMATA to match \$150 million in federal funding for the next ten years for capital needs. With this contribution, the Commonwealth of Virginia is a major contributor to WMATA, but Virginia's representatives on the WMATA board are local government appointees. The bill would give Virginia more oversight of the funding it contributes to WMATA.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; Secretary of Transportation

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: None.

11. Other Comments: The proposed legislation codifies a provision in the Appropriation Act that requires the Secretary of Transportation to be included on the WMATA board.

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