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HOUSE BILL NO. 1359

Offered January 22, 2016

A *BILL to amend the Code of Virginia by adding in Title 33.2 a chapter numbered 18.2, consisting of sections numbered 33.2-1840 through 33.2-1844, relating to the Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board; report.*

 Patron—Peace

 Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That the Code of Virginia is amended by adding in Title 33.2 a chapter numbered 18.2, consisting of sections numbered 33.2-1840 through 33.2-1844, as follows:

CHAPTER 18.2.**TRANSIT CAPITAL PROJECT REVENUE ADVISORY BOARD.****§ 33.2-1840. Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board; purpose.**

The Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board (the Advisory Board) is established as an advisory board within the Department of Rail and Public Transportation in the executive branch of state government.

The purpose of the Advisory Board is to examine the impacts of the revenue reduction caused by the expiration of the 2007 Capital Project Revenue bonds that will leave transit systems in the Commonwealth without necessary funds for capital improvement and to identify possible sources of replacement revenue.

§ 33.2-1841. Membership; terms; quorum; meetings.

The Advisory Board shall have a total membership of seven members that shall consist of nonlegislative citizen members. Members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Transportation as follows: two shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Virginia Transit Association, two shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation, one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Virginia Municipal League, one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Community Transportation Association of Virginia, and one shall be appointed upon the recommendation of the Virginia Association of Counties. Members of the Advisory Board shall be citizens of the Commonwealth.

Appointments to fill vacancies, other than by expiration of a term, shall be for the unexpired terms. Vacancies shall be filled in the same manner as the original appointments. All members may be reappointed.

No member shall serve more than two consecutive one-year terms. The remainder of any term to which a member is appointed to fill a vacancy shall not constitute a term in determining the member's eligibility for reappointment.

The Advisory Board shall elect a chairman and vice-chairman from among its membership. A majority of the members shall constitute a quorum. The Advisory Board shall meet no more than four times each year. The meetings of the Advisory Board shall be held at the call of the chairman or whenever the majority of the members so request.

§ 33.2-1842. Compensation; expenses.

Members shall be reimbursed for all reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as provided in §§ 2.2-2813 and 2.2-2825. Funding for the costs of compensation and expenses of the members shall be provided by the Department of Rail and Public Transportation.

§ 33.2-1843. Powers and duties of the Advisory Board.

The Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory Board shall:

1. Examine the impacts of the loss of state transit capital funds;

2. Identify additional sources of revenue to recover the capital losses; and

3. Submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual report for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports. The chairman shall submit to the Governor and the General Assembly an annual executive summary of the interim activity and work of the Advisory Board no later than the first day of each regular session of the General Assembly. The executive summary shall be submitted for publication as a report document as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website.

§ 33.2-1844. Staffing.

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- 59** *The Department of Rail and Public Transportation shall provide staff support to the Advisory Board.*
60 *All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the Advisory Board, upon request.*
61 **2. That the provisions of this act shall expire on July 1, 2018.**