

## Department of Planning and Budget 2017 Fiscal Impact Statement

**1. Bill Number:** SB1251

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

**2. Patron:** Barker

**3. Committee:** Passed both houses

**4. Title:** Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact.

**5. Summary:** This bill authorizes Virginia to become a signatory to the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact. The compact establishes a state safety oversight authority for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Rail System, pursuant to the mandate of federal law, to review, approve, oversee, and enforce the safety of the WMATA Rail System. The bill requires the Secretary of Transportation to negotiate, on the Commonwealth's behalf, the terms for revision of the WMATA Compact with the other signatories to the WMATA Compact. The bill contains an emergency clause.

**6. Budget Amendment Necessary:** No

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

**8. Fiscal Implications:** The signatories to this compact (Virginia, Maryland, District of Columbia) are to cover equal shares of the operating costs for the Washington Metrorail Safety Commission. The cost to Virginia will be dependent on the cost to support the staff hired to manage the activities of the Commission. It is anticipated that those costs will be covered from existing transportation revenues.

**9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:** Secretary of Transportation; Washington Metrorail Safety Commission; WMATA.

**10. Technical Amendment Necessary:** No

**11. Other Comments:** This bill is a companion to HB2136.