



# House of Representatives

General Assembly

**File No. 568**

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Substitute House Bill No. 5799

*House of Representatives, April 12, 2000*

The Committee on Appropriations reported through REP. DYSON of the 94<sup>th</sup> Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

## ***An Act Concerning Transportation For Shelter Residents.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (a) The Commissioner of Transportation shall establish a  
2 demonstration program to improve transportation services for shelter  
3 residents seeking employment, medical services and permanent  
4 housing. Grants shall be made under the program to municipalities,  
5 regional transportation districts and nonprofit organizations for the  
6 purpose of developing and operating innovative transportation  
7 projects that improve transportation services for such shelter residents.  
8 No grant made in any fiscal year shall be less than ten thousand  
9 dollars or exceed fifty thousand dollars.

10 (b) The Commissioner of Transportation shall collect data in order  
11 to analyze the strengths and shortcomings of the demonstration  
12 program and to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the various  
13 innovative transportation projects.

14      Sec. 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2000.

**TRA Committee Vote:** Yea 24    Nay 0    JF    C/R    APP

**APP Committee Vote:** Yea 50    Nay 0    JFS

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** Costs, (Transportation Fund)

**Affected Agencies:** Department of Transportation

**Municipal Impact:** Potential Indeterminate Revenue Gain

**Explanation**

**State Impact:**

This bill requires the Transportation Commissioner to establish a demonstration program to improve transportation services for shelter residents seeking employment, medical services and permanent housing. Grants, between \$10,000 to \$50,000, are to be made to municipalities, transit districts, and nonprofit organizations. The Commissioner of Transportation is also required to collect data to analyze the strengths and shortcomings of the demonstration program and evaluate the effectiveness and impact of the various transportation projects.

The Department of Transportation (DOT) will incur administrative expenses to design a competitive grant program, conduct necessary research or inquiry on shelters, review contracts, provide oversight and analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of the various services. It is anticipated that the services of a Planner 2 position will be required at an annual salary of \$42,500. Since there are different types of services that can be provided within the demonstration program and not

knowing the amount and the number of grants which could be granted, costs of the grant program are at present indeterminate. With no appropriation provided, other services, including transit services, would be impacted or the program might not be implemented.

***Municipal Impact:***

Since grants can be made to municipalities, passage of this bill could increase revenues to municipalities. At present there is no way of determining the number of municipalities that would apply and receive a grant from the DOT; therefore, the revenue gain to municipalities is at present indeterminate.

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**OLR Bill Analysis**

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***AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION FOR SHELTER RESIDENTS.***

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