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AN ACT CONCERNING A PLAN TO MODERNIZE THE PARKING
GARAGES AT COMMUTER RAIL STATIONS IN THE STATE.

AMENDMENT

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OFA Fiscal Note

No Fiscal Impact

The amendment requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to: (1) implement and make operational positive train control (PTC) by December 31, 2020 pursuant to the Federal Positive Train Control Enforcement and Implementation Act, and (2) submit a status report to the General Assembly. DOT is currently on track to meet the federal deadline, but costs may be incurred if DOT needs additional resources to adhere to the provisions of the bill.

Background

Amtrak has implemented PTC on the sections of track that they own that carry the Shore Line East and the Hartford Line services. The State of Connecticut is providing funding to Metro North for the installation of PTC on the New Haven Line, New Canaan Branch Line, Danbury Branch Line and Waterbury Branch Line. Metro North is participating in a joint procurement for PTC that includes the Hudson Line, the Harlem Line and rail lines operated by the Long Island Railroad. Metro North has submitted a schedule showing full implementation of PTC by the December 2020 deadline.

PTC, when fully implemented, will act as an overlay to the existing Cab Signal Systems on the New Haven Line, New Canaan Line, and

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Danbury Line. On the Waterbury Line, a new signal system is being installed that will include PTC when it is completed.

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