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## **OLR BILL ANALYSIS**

### **HB 6394**

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING FARE INCREASES ON THE NEW HAVEN LINE AND THE ELIMINATION OF THE TRANSPORTATION STRATEGY BOARD***

##### **SUMMARY:**

This bill postpones, for two years, the scheduled fare increases on the New Haven Line and eliminates the New Haven Line revitalization account into which the revenue from the increases was to be deposited. The account is within the Special Transportation Fund (STF). The fare increases, generally 1% annually, were to occur in each calendar year from 2010 through 2016. Under the bill they will take place from 2012 through 2018. The increases are on fares starting or ending in Connecticut.

It eliminates the Transportation Strategy Board (TSB) and makes conforming changes, but retains the board's projects account within the STF, which is used to fund TSB projects. Under current law, the State Treasurer must transfer \$15,300,000 annually through FY 15 from the STF to this account. Starting in FY 16 and each fiscal year thereafter, the Treasurer must annually transfer \$300,000 from STF to the account. The bill instead requires the Treasurer to annually transfer \$15,000,000 from STF to the account from FY 12 through FY 15 and eliminates the transfers scheduled to start in FY 16.

By law, certain revenue derived from motor vehicle receipts and other sources must be credited to the STF. The bill specifies, starting July 1, 2011, that this includes all money the law requires be credited to the STF from the petroleum products gross earning sales tax. The bill also requires crediting to the STF (1) motor vehicle sales tax revenue, (2) funds the law already requires be transferred to the STF from the

General Fund, and (3) any other funds the law requires be deposited or transferred into the STF other than the proceeds of bonds, other state securities, or federal grants.

Under current law, the DMV commissioner must charge a \$10 administrative fee in addition to the fee for registering certain vehicles, including those whose manufacturer's vehicle identification number (VIN) have passed inspection. Under the bill she must instead charge this administrative fee in addition to a fee charged for any transaction involving an electronic inspection of a VIN.

It imposes a \$25 late fee for drivers who fail to renew a driver's license or commercial driver's license (CDL) on time and increases various fees, including those for driver's licenses, CDLs, and motor vehicle registrations.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

PRELIMINARY