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House of Representatives, April 1, 2025

### **Resolve, to Direct the Department of Transportation to Develop Practices Regarding Public Transit**

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ROBERT B. HUNT  
Clerk

Presented by Representative CRAFTS of Newcastle.  
Cosponsored by Senator FARRIN of Somerset and  
Representatives: ANKELES of Brunswick, MONTELL of Gardiner, RAY of Lincolnville,  
Senator: NANGLE of Cumberland.

**Sec. 1. Department of Transportation to develop practices regarding public transit. Resolved:** That the Department of Transportation shall develop practices regarding public transit, including:

1. Increasing transparency in the allocation and distribution of funding for public transit operators by publishing annual transit distributions in print form and on a publicly accessible website, including the total amount made available for operations and the amounts allocated to each recipient;

2. Reducing the local match requirement for funding rural public transit operators; and

3. Increasing collaboration and coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services to improve public transit services between health care providers and consumers of the health care providers' services.

**Sec. 2. Report. Resolved:** That, by December 3, 2025, the Department of Transportation shall report on its progress in carrying out this resolve and resulting practices to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.

## SUMMARY

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1. Increasing transparency in the allocation and distribution of funding for public transit operators by publishing annual transit distributions in print form and on a publicly accessible website, including the total amount made available for operations and the amounts allocated to each recipient;

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3. Increasing collaboration and coordination with the Department of Health and Human Services to improve public transit services between health care providers and consumers of the health care providers' services.

The resolve directs the Department of Transportation, by December 3, 2025, to report on its progress in carrying out this resolve and resulting practices to the Joint Standing Committee on Transportation.