

SENATE BILL 456

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By: **Senators Beidle, Elfreth, Reilly, and Rosapepe**

Introduced and read first time: January 27, 2020

Assigned to: Finance and Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Third Chesapeake Bay Crossing – Study**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of
4 Maryland to conduct a study on adding a third Chesapeake Bay crossing and its
5 potential impacts; requiring the Institute to study and make recommendations
6 regarding certain matters; requiring the Department of Transportation to provide
7 the Institute with any information necessary for the completion of the study;
8 requiring the Governor to include a certain appropriation in the annual budget bill
9 in a certain fiscal year; requiring the Institute to report its findings and
10 recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, and certain other
11 governmental entities on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of
12 this Act; and generally relating to conducting a study on a third Chesapeake Bay
13 crossing.

14 BY adding to
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 4–408
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

19 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
20 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 **4–408.**

23 **(A) THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF**
24 **MARYLAND SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY ON THE ADDITION OF A THIRD CHESAPEAKE**
25 **BAY CROSSING.**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



(B) (1) IN CONDUCTING THE STUDY, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION INSTITUTE SHALL:

(I) STUDY SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC ON, AROUND, AND CAUSED BY THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE;

(II) STUDY THE POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF ADDING A THIRD CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSING;

(III) PROVIDE OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INPUT AND COMMENTS FROM COMMUNITIES SURROUNDING THE CHESAPEAKE BAY BRIDGE; AND

(IV) DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS FOR:

1. IMPLEMENTING SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS FOR TRAFFIC ON CURRENT AND FUTURE CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSINGS; AND

2. ADDRESSING POTENTIAL HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS OF CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING A THIRD CHESAPEAKE BAY CROSSING.

(2) FOR PURPOSES OF THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION:

(I) SHORT-TERM SOLUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

1. CHANGES IN TRAFFIC PATTERNS;
2. CHANGES IN TOLL COLLECTION METHODS; AND
3. BANNING CERTAIN TYPES OF VEHICLES AT SPECIFIC TIMES; AND

(II) LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS MAY INCLUDE:

1. RAIL TRAVEL;
2. RAPID BUS TRANSIT;
3. FERRY TRANSIT; AND

1 **4. TRAFFIC CONTROL LANES.**

2 **(C) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL PROVIDE THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION**
3 **INSTITUTE WITH ANY INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE**
4 **STUDY.**

5 **(D) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE**
6 **ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 FOR THE COMPLETION OF**
7 **THE STUDY.**

8 **(E) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2022, THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION**
9 **INSTITUTE SHALL SUBMIT A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO:**

10 **(1) THE GOVERNOR;**

11 **(2) THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE OF ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY;**

12 **(3) THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY; AND**

13 **(4) IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT**
14 **ARTICLE:**

15 **(I) THE MEMBERS OF THE ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY**
16 **DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;**

17 **(II) THE MEMBERS OF THE QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**
18 **DELEGATION TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND**

19 **(III) THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.**

20 **SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED,** That this Act shall take effect July
21 1, 2020. It shall remain effective for a period of 3 years and, at the end of June 30, 2023,
22 this Act, with no further action required by the General Assembly, shall be abrogated and
23 of no further force and effect.