

1 **PROPOSED NEW SECS A–C:**

2 * * * Zero Fare Public Transit * * *

3 **Sec. A. ZERO FARE PUBLIC TRANSIT; REPORT**

4 On or before March 30, 2022 the Agency of Transportation shall file a
5 written report with the House and Senate Committees on Transportation that:

6 (1) shows changes in public transit ridership, by county and type of
7 service, in fiscal years 2020 and 2021 and in fiscal year 2022 through the end
8 of the third quarter; and

9 (2) estimates the amount of funding needed to continue to provide fare-
10 free service on transit operated by public transit by transit agencies that are
11 eligible to receive grant funds pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5307 or 5311, or both,
12 broken out by county and type of service in fiscal year 2023.

13 **Sec. B. ZERO FARE PUBLIC TRANSIT IN FISCAL YEAR 2022**

14 (a) Urban public transit. It is the intent of the General Assembly that public
15 transit operated by transit agencies that are eligible to receive grant funds
16 pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 5307 in the State shall be operated on a zero-fare basis
17 with monies for public transit from the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic
18 Security Act, Pub. L. No. 116-136 (CARES Act), the Consolidated
19 Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, and the American Rescue Plan
20 Act of 2021, Pub. L. No. 117-XXX, as practicable, during fiscal year 2022.

