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FISCAL NOTE

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Prime Sponsors:	Sen. Neville T. Rep. Lewis	Bill Status:	Senate Finance
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Bill Topic: LIMIT RTD DISCOUNT FARE PROGRAMS

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

<input type="checkbox"/> State Revenue	<input type="checkbox"/> TABOR Refund
<input type="checkbox"/> State Expenditure	<input type="checkbox"/> Local Government
<input type="checkbox"/> State Transfer	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Statutory Public Entity (<i>potential</i>)

This bill prohibits the Regional Transportation District (RTD) from creating any new fare discount or incentive program without prior approval from the legislature. Beginning in FY 2018-19, this bill may impact RTD revenue on an ongoing basis.

Appropriation Summary: No appropriation is required.

Fiscal Note Status: The fiscal note reflects the introduced bill.

Summary of Legislation

This bill prohibits the Regional Transportation District (RTD) from creating any new fare discount or incentive program without prior approval from the General Assembly.

Background

RTD currently provides discounted fares for:

- seniors over the age of 65;
- individuals with disabilities;
- Medicare recipients;
- elementary, middle, and high school students;
- children 5 years or younger with a fare-paying adult; and
- active duty service members.

A 25-member working group recently completed an evaluation of RTD's pass programs and drafted recommendations. The group's recommendations include adding a low-income pass, which would discount fares by 40 percent for riders who have incomes at or below 185 percent; and a youth pass, which would discount the fare for riders who are 13 to 19 years old by 70 percent.

The implementation of any recommendations made by the fare pass working group will require approval from RTD's Board of Directors. The board is expected to take up the matter later this year, with any fare discounts occurring no earlier than 2019.

Regional Transportation District Impact

To the extent that the RTD Board of Directors chooses to consider future discount or incentive programs, this bill may impact RTD revenue. This impact is conditional on the approval of these programs by the General Assembly.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect August 8, 2018, if the General Assembly adjourns on May 9, 2018, as scheduled, and no referendum petition is filed.

State and Local Government Contacts

Counties	Information Technology
Municipalities	Regional Transportation District
Revenue	