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1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 633

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 633 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is
5 amended by changing Section 2-15.2 as follows:

6 (30 ILCS 740/2-15.2)

7 Sec. 2-15.2. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
9 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
11 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
12 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
13 of, every participant, as defined in Section 2-2.02 (1)(a),
14 shall be provided without charge to all senior citizen
15 residents of the participant aged 65 and older, under such
16 conditions as shall be prescribed by the participant.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
2 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
3 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
4 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
5 of service contracts of, every participant, as defined in
6 Section 2-2.02 (1)(a), shall be provided without charge to
7 senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income
8 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section
9 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property
10 Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by
11 the participant. The Department on Aging shall furnish all
12 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
13 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
14 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this
15 Section shall relieve the participant from providing reduced
16 fares as may be required by federal law.

17 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
19 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
21 of service contracts of, a participant shall be provided (i)
22 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability
23 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of
24 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran
25 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified
26 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions

1 prescribed by each participant.

2 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
3 January 1, 2018, any fixed route public transportation services
4 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
5 of, a participant shall be provided without charge to high
6 school students that are eligible for free or reduced price
7 meals and free milk under the federal National School Lunch
8 Program or the Commodity School Program on days when school is
9 in session.

10 (e) On the first December 31st after the effective date of
11 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and on
12 December 31st of each year thereafter, each participant shall
13 certify to the State Comptroller the annual amount necessary
14 for payment of expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).
15 Beginning in State fiscal year 2018, there is hereby
16 appropriated, on an irrevocable and continuing annual basis,
17 from the Road Fund amounts equal to the amount certified each
18 year by each participant for payment of expenses related to
19 subsections (c) and (d). The moneys appropriated under this
20 subsection (e) shall be paid to each participant in an amount
21 equal to the participant's certification for payment of
22 expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).

23 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

24 Section 10. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
25 amended by changing Section 51 as follows:

1 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

2 Sec. 51. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

3 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
4 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
5 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
6 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
7 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
8 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior
9 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in
10 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as
11 shall be prescribed by the Board.

12 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
13 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
14 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
15 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
16 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided without
17 charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income
18 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section
19 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property
20 Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by
21 the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish all
22 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
23 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
24 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this
25 Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced fares as

1 may be required by federal law.

2 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
3 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
4 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public
5 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
6 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided (i)
7 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability
8 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of
9 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran
10 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified
11 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions
12 prescribed by the Board.

13 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
14 January 1, 2018, any fixed route public transportation services
15 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
16 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to high school
17 students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals and
18 free milk under the federal National School Lunch Program or
19 the Commodity School Program on days when school is in session.

20 (e) On the first December 31st after the effective date of
21 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and on
22 December 31st of each year thereafter, the Board shall certify
23 to the State Comptroller the annual amount necessary for
24 payment of expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).
25 Beginning in State fiscal year 2018, there is hereby
26 appropriated, on an irrevocable and continuing annual basis,

1 from the Road Fund an amount equal to the amount certified each
2 year by the Board for payment of expenses related to
3 subsections (c) and (d). The moneys appropriated under this
4 subsection (e) shall be paid to the Board in an amount equal to
5 the Board's certification for payment of expenses related to
6 subsections (c) and (d).

7 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

8 Section 15. The Local Mass Transit District Act is amended
9 by changing Section 8.6 as follows:

10 (70 ILCS 3610/8.6)

11 Sec. 8.6. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

12 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
13 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
14 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
15 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
16 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
17 of, every District shall be provided without charge to all
18 senior citizens of the District aged 65 and older, under such
19 conditions as shall be prescribed by the District.

20 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
21 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
22 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
23 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
24 of service contracts of, every District shall be provided

1 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet
2 the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5)
3 of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with
4 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as
5 shall be prescribed by the District. The Department on Aging
6 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
7 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
8 who are eligible for services without charge under this
9 Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the District
10 from providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

11 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
12 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
13 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public
14 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
15 of service contracts of, every District shall be provided (i)
16 without charge to a veteran that has a combined disability
17 rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of
18 Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare for a veteran
19 who has a combined disability rating of 30% to 70% as certified
20 by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, under conditions
21 prescribed by each District.

22 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
23 January 1, 2018, any fixed route public transportation services
24 provided by, or under grant or purchase of device contracts of,
25 each District shall be provided without charge to high school
26 students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals and

1 free milk under the federal National School Lunch Program or
2 the Commodity School Program on days when school is in session.

3 (e) On the first December 31st after the effective date of
4 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and on
5 December 31st of each year thereafter, each District shall
6 certify to the State Comptroller the annual amount necessary
7 for payment of expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).
8 Beginning in State fiscal year 2018, there is hereby
9 appropriated, on an irrevocable and continuing annual basis,
10 from the Road Fund amounts equal to the amount certified each
11 year by each District for payment of expenses related to
12 subsections (c) and (d). The moneys appropriated under this
13 subsection (e) shall be paid to each District in an amount
14 equal to the District's certification for payment of expenses
15 related to subsections (c) and (d).

16 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

17 Section 20. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
18 amended by changing Sections 3A.15 and 3B.14 as follows:

19 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

20 Sec. 3A.15. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

21 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
22 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
23 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
24 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services

1 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
2 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to
3 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and
4 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
5 Suburban Bus Board.

6 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
7 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
8 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
9 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
10 of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be
11 provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older
12 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in
13 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
14 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such
15 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board.
16 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information
17 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including
18 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services
19 without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section
20 shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from providing reduced
21 fares as may be required by federal law.

22 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
23 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
24 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public
25 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
26 of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be

1 provided (i) without charge to a veteran that has a combined
2 disability rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S.
3 Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare
4 for a veteran who has a combined disability rating of 30% to
5 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,
6 under conditions prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board.

7 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
8 January 1, 2018, any fixed route public transportation services
9 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
10 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to
11 high school students that are eligible for free or reduced
12 price meals and free milk under the federal National School
13 Lunch Program or the Commodity School Program on days when
14 school is in session.

15 (e) On the first December 31st after the effective date of
16 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and on
17 December 31st of each year thereafter, the Suburban Bus Board
18 shall certify to the State Comptroller the annual amount
19 necessary for payment of expenses related to subsections (c)
20 and (d). Beginning in State fiscal year 2018, there is hereby
21 appropriated, on an irrevocable and continuing annual basis,
22 from the Road Fund an amount equal to the amount certified each
23 year by the Suburban Bus Board for payment of expenses related
24 to subsections (c) and (d). The moneys appropriated under this
25 subsection (e) shall be paid to the Suburban Bus Board in an
26 amount equal to the Suburban Bus Board's certification for

1 payment of expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).

2 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

3 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

4 Sec. 3B.14. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

5 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
6 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
7 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
8 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
9 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
10 of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to
11 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and
12 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
13 Commuter Rail Board.

14 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
15 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
16 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
17 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
18 of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be
19 provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older
20 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in
21 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
22 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such
23 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.
24 The Department on Aging shall furnish all information
25 reasonably necessary to determine eligibility, including

1 updated lists of individuals who are eligible for services
2 without charge under this Section. Nothing in this Section
3 shall relieve the Commuter Rail Board from providing reduced
4 fares as may be required by federal law.

5 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
6 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
7 the 100th General Assembly, any fixed route public
8 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
9 of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be
10 provided (i) without charge to a veteran that has a combined
11 disability rating of more than 70% as certified by the U.S.
12 Department of Veterans Affairs, and (ii) at a 50% reduced fare
13 for a veteran who has a combined disability rating of 30% to
14 70% as certified by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs,
15 under conditions prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board.

16 (d) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
17 January 1, 2018, any fixed route public transportation services
18 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
19 of, the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to
20 high school students that are eligible for free or reduced
21 price meals and free milk under the federal National School
22 Lunch Program or the Commodity School Program on days when
23 school is in session.

24 (e) On the first December 31st after the effective date of
25 this amendatory Act of the 100th General Assembly and on
26 December 31st of each year thereafter, the Commuter Rail Board

1 shall certify to the State Comptroller the annual amount
2 necessary for payment of expenses related to subsections (c)
3 and (d). Beginning in State fiscal year 2018, there is hereby
4 appropriated, on an irrevocable and continuing annual basis,
5 from the Road Fund an amount equal to the amount certified each
6 year by the Commuter Rail Board for payment of expenses related
7 to subsections (c) and (d). The moneys appropriated under this
8 subsection (e) shall be paid to the Commuter Rail Board in an
9 amount equal to the Commuter Rail Board's certification for
10 payment of expenses related to subsections (c) and (d).

11 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

12 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
13 becoming law."