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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2587

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2587 by replacing  
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

4 "Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding  
6 Section 2705-321 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-321 new)

8 Sec. 2705-321. Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic  
9 Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program; new facilities and  
10 service.

11 (a) Subject to bond fund appropriation, the Department of  
12 Transportation shall establish the Illinois Transit Ridership  
13 and Economic Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program to build  
14 transit systems that more effectively address the needs of  
15 Illinois workers, families, and businesses. The Illinois TRED  
16 Pilot Project Program shall provide for new or expanded mass  
17 transportation service and facilities, including rapid  
18 transit, rail, bus, and other equipment used in connection with  
19 mass transit, by the State, a public entity, or 2 or more of  
20 these entities authorized to provide and promote public  
21 transportation in order to increase the level of service  
22 available in local communities, as well as improve the quality  
23 of life and economic viability of the State of Illinois.

24 The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program expenditures for

1 mass transportation service and facilities within the State  
2 must:

3 (1) Improve the economic viability of Illinois by  
4 facilitating the transportation of Illinois residents to  
5 places of employment, to educational facilities, and to  
6 commercial, medical, and shopping districts.

7 (2) Increase the frequency and reliability of public  
8 transit service.

9 (3) Facilitate the movement of all persons, including  
10 those persons who, because of age, economic circumstance,  
11 or physical infirmity, are unable to drive.

12 (4) Contribute to an improved environment through the  
13 reduction of air, water, and noise pollution.

14 (b) Under the Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program, subject  
15 to bond fund appropriation, the Department shall fund in fiscal  
16 year 2005, in coordination and consultation with other  
17 government agencies that provide or fund transportation  
18 services, the Illinois Public Transportation Association, and  
19 transit advocates, projects as specified in subsection (c).  
20 Total funding for each project shall not exceed \$500,000 and  
21 the funding for all projects shall not exceed \$4,500,000. The  
22 Department shall submit annual reports to the General Assembly  
23 by March 1 of each fiscal year regarding the status of these  
24 projects, including service to constituents including local  
25 businesses, seniors, and people with disabilities, costs, and  
26 other appropriate measures of impact.

27 (c) Subject to bond fund appropriation, the Department  
28 shall make grants to any of the following in order to create:

29 (1) The Altgeld Gardens - Ford Supplier Park Rush-hour  
30 service, which shall provide rush-hour-only service (6:00  
31 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM) that shall start at  
32 130th Street and State Street and go directly to Altgeld  
33 Gardens (stopping at the store in the center of Altgeld  
34 Gardens), then leave Altgeld Gardens and go directly to the

1 Ford supplier park on 130th Street, then to 130th and  
2 Torrence Avenue (the Ford production plant), then north on  
3 Torrence Avenue with at least one stop close to Washington  
4 High School, then to the shopping plaza at 95th Street and  
5 Stony Island. After completing its route, the bus shall  
6 turn around and go back on the same route. Service shall be  
7 every 20 minutes.

8 (2) The Pilsen/Lawndale Demonstration Project, which  
9 consists of the following:

10 (A) Pilsen Commercial route, which shall create  
11 weekday bus service to support the 16th and 18th street  
12 commercial district. Service shall begin at Cicero and  
13 Cermak and proceed along 16th Street and then 18th  
14 Street to Michigan Ave. This service shall run on  
15 weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and then from 6  
16 p.m. to 10 p.m.

17 (B) Lawndale-to-the-Loop Rush hour express route,  
18 which shall create an extended rush-hour-only express  
19 service (4:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 10:00  
20 p.m.), starting at Pulaski and Cermak and traveling  
21 along Ogden and Polk with limited stops between  
22 Pulaski, the Medical District, and the Chicago Loop.

23 (3) The Intertownship Transportation Program for  
24 Northwest Suburban Cook County, which shall complement  
25 existing Pace service and involve cooperation of several  
26 townships to provide transportation services for senior  
27 and disabled residents across village and township  
28 boundaries that is currently not provided by Pace and by  
29 individual townships and municipalities.

30 (4) RIDES transit services to Richland and Lawrence  
31 Counties to extend transit services into Richland and  
32 Lawrence Counties and enhance service in Wayne, Edwards,  
33 and Wabash Counties that share common travel patterns and  
34 needs with Lawrence and Richland counties. Funding shall be

1 used to develop a route structure that shall coordinate  
2 social service and general public requirements and obtain  
3 vehicles to support the additional service.

4 (5) Peoria Regional Transportation Initiative, which  
5 shall fund the development of a plan to create a regional  
6 transportation service in the Peoria-Pekin MSA that  
7 integrates and expands the existing services and that would  
8 allow local leaders to develop a funding plan and a  
9 timetable to secure final political approval. The plan is  
10 intended to facilitate regional economic development and  
11 provide greater mobility to workers, senior citizens, and  
12 people with disabilities.

13 (6) Rock Island MetroLINK/Black Hawk College  
14 Coordination Project, which shall provide a deeply  
15 discounted, semester-based bus pass for unlimited travel  
16 on any MetroLINK bus route to students and faculty at local  
17 community colleges to increase ridership on the  
18 metropolitan bus system and better link community college  
19 students with transportation alternatives.

20 (7) The West Central Transit District to serve Scott  
21 and Morgan Counties. Funding shall be used to develop a  
22 route structure that shall coordinate social service and  
23 general public requirements and obtain vehicles to support  
24 the service.

25 (8) Community College Coordination Projects, which  
26 shall provide deeply discounted semester-based bus passes  
27 for unlimited travel on any Champaign-Urbana MTD, and  
28 Danville Mass Transit bus routes to students, faculty, and  
29 staff at Parkland College, and Danville Area Community  
30 College to better link community colleges with  
31 transportation alternatives.

32 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon  
33 becoming law."