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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 2335

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 2335, AS AMENDED,  
3 by replacing everything after the enacting clause with the  
4 following:

5 "Section 5. The State Officials and Employees Ethics Act  
6 is amended by changing Section 75-10 as follows:

7 (5 ILCS 430/75-10)

8 Sec. 75-10. Coordination between Executive Inspector  
9 General and ~~Inspectors General appointed by~~ Regional Transit  
10 Boards.

11 (a) Nothing in this amendatory Act of the 96th General  
12 Assembly precludes a Regional Transit Board from appointing or  
13 employing an Inspector General to serve under the jurisdiction  
14 of a Regional Transit Board to receive complaints and conduct  
15 investigations in accordance with an ordinance or resolution  
16 adopted by that respective Board, provided he or she is

1 approved by the Executive Ethics Commission. A Regional  
2 Transit Board shall notify the Executive Ethics Commission  
3 within 10 days after employing or appointing a person to serve  
4 as Inspector General, and the Executive Ethics Commission  
5 shall approve or reject the appointment or employment of the  
6 Inspector General. Any notification not acted upon by the  
7 Executive Ethics Commission within 60 days after its receipt  
8 shall be deemed to have received the approval of the Executive  
9 Ethics Commission. Within 30 days after the effective date of  
10 this amendatory Act of the 96th General Assembly, a Regional  
11 Transit Board shall notify the Executive Ethics Commission of  
12 any person serving on the effective date of this amendatory  
13 Act as an Inspector General for the Regional Transit Board,  
14 and the Executive Ethics Commission shall approve or reject  
15 the appointment or employment within 30 days after receipt of  
16 the notification, provided that any notification not acted  
17 upon by the Executive Ethics Commission within 30 days shall  
18 be deemed to have received approval. No person rejected by the  
19 Executive Ethics Commission shall serve as an Inspector  
20 General for a Regional Transit Board for a term of 5 years  
21 after being rejected by the Commission. For purposes of this  
22 subsection (a), any person appointed or employed by a Transit  
23 Board to receive complaints and investigate allegations of  
24 fraud, waste, abuse, mismanagement, misconduct, nonfeasance,  
25 misfeasance, malfeasance, or violations of this Act shall be  
26 considered an Inspector General and shall be subject to

1 approval of the Executive Ethics Commission.

2 (b) The Executive Inspector General appointed by the  
3 Governor shall have exclusive jurisdiction to investigate  
4 complaints or allegations of violations of this Act and, in  
5 his or her discretion, may investigate other complaints or  
6 allegations. ~~Unless created by statute, no Regional Transit~~  
7 ~~Board or Regional Development Authority shall create or retain~~  
8 ~~an investigative body that investigates matters under the~~  
9 ~~Executive Inspector General's jurisdiction.~~ Complaints or  
10 allegations of a violation of this Act received by a Regional  
11 Transit Board or by an Inspector General appointed or employed  
12 by a Regional Transit Board shall be immediately referred to  
13 the Executive Inspector General. The Executive Inspector  
14 General shall have authority to assume responsibility and  
15 investigate any complaint or allegation received by a Regional  
16 Transit Board or by an Inspector General appointed or employed  
17 by a Regional Transit Board. In the event the Executive  
18 Inspector General provides written notification of intent to  
19 assume investigatory responsibility for a complaint,  
20 allegation, or ongoing investigation, the Regional Transit  
21 Board, or the Inspector General appointed or employed by a  
22 Regional Transit Board shall cease review of the complaint,  
23 allegation, or ongoing investigation and provide all  
24 information to the Executive Inspector General. The Executive  
25 Inspector General may delegate responsibility for an  
26 investigation to a Regional Transit Board or the Inspector

1 General appointed or employed by a Regional Transit Board. In  
2 the event the Executive Inspector General provides a Regional  
3 Transit Board or an Inspector General appointed or employed by  
4 a Regional Transit Board with written notification of intent  
5 to delegate investigatory responsibility for a complaint,  
6 allegation, or ongoing investigation, the Executive Inspector  
7 General shall provide all information, unless confidential  
8 pursuant to this Act, to the Regional Transit Board or its  
9 designee or to the Inspector General appointed or employed by  
10 a Regional Transit Board.

11 (c) The Regional Transit Boards and an ~~An~~ Inspector  
12 General appointed or employed by a Regional Transit Board  
13 shall provide a monthly activity report to the Executive  
14 Inspector General indicating:

15 (1) the total number of complaints or allegations  
16 received since the date of the last report and a  
17 description of each complaint;

18 (2) the number of investigations pending as of the  
19 reporting date and the status of each investigation;

20 (3) the number of investigations concluded since the  
21 date of the last report and the result of each  
22 investigation; and

23 (4) the status of any investigation delegated by the  
24 Executive Inspector General.

25 The Regional Transit Boards and an ~~An~~ Inspector General  
26 appointed or employed by a Regional Transit Board and the

1 Executive Inspector General shall cooperate and share  
2 resources or information as necessary to implement the  
3 provisions of this Article.

4 (d) Reports filed under this Section are exempt from the  
5 Freedom of Information Act and shall be deemed confidential.  
6 Investigatory files and reports prepared by the Office of the  
7 Executive Inspector General and the Office of an Inspector  
8 General appointed or employed by a Regional Transit Board may  
9 be disclosed between the Offices as necessary to implement the  
10 provisions of this Article.

11 (e) This Section does not prohibit a Regional Transit  
12 Board from reviewing its practices, policies, performance, or  
13 personnel for the purposes of improving its operations or  
14 ensuring compliance with applicable laws.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

16 Section 10. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
17 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by changing  
18 Sections 2705-203, 2705-594, and 2705-598 as follows:

19 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-203)

20 Sec. 2705-203. Transportation asset management plan and  
21 performance-based programming.

22 (a) The General Assembly declares it to be in the public  
23 interest that a project prioritization process be developed  
24 and implemented to: improve the efficiency and effectiveness

1 of the State's transportation system and transportation  
2 safety; enhance movement and multi-modal connections of people  
3 and goods; mitigate environmental impacts; and promote  
4 inclusive economic growth throughout the State.

5 (b) In accordance with Section 2705-200, the Department of  
6 Transportation shall develop and publish a statewide  
7 multi-modal transportation improvement program for all  
8 transportation facilities under its jurisdiction. The  
9 development of the program shall use the following methods:

10 (1) use transportation system information to make  
11 investment and policy decisions to achieve statewide and  
12 regional performance goals established in the State's  
13 long-range transportation plan;

14 (2) ensure transportation investment decisions emerge  
15 from an objective and quantifiable technical analysis;

16 (3) evaluate the need and financial support necessary  
17 for maintaining, expanding, and modernizing existing  
18 transportation infrastructure;

19 (4) ensure that all State transportation funds  
20 invested are directed to support progress toward the  
21 achievement of performance targets established in the  
22 State's long-range transportation plan;

23 (5) make investment decisions transparent and  
24 accessible to the public;

25 (6) consider emissions and increase infrastructure  
26 resilience to climate change; ~~and~~

1           (7) reduce disparities in transportation system  
2 performance experienced by racially marginalized  
3 communities, low-income to moderate-income consumers, and  
4 other disadvantaged groups and populations identified  
5 under the Environmental Justice Act; and -

6           (8) evaluate project potential for mode shift away  
7 from single-occupancy vehicles and commercial motor  
8 vehicles.

9           (c) The Department shall develop a risk-based, statewide  
10 highway system asset management plan in accordance with 23  
11 U.S.C. 119 and 23 CFR Part 515 to preserve and improve the  
12 condition of highway and bridge assets and enhance the  
13 performance of the system while minimizing the life-cycle  
14 cost. The asset management plan shall be made publicly  
15 available on the Department's website.

16           (d) The Department shall develop a needs-based transit  
17 asset management plan for State-supported public  
18 transportation assets, including vehicles, facilities,  
19 equipment, and other infrastructure in accordance with 49 CFR  
20 Part 625. The goal of the transit asset management plan is to  
21 preserve and modernize capital transit assets that will  
22 enhance the performance of the transit system. Federally  
23 required transit asset management plans developed by the  
24 Northern Illinois Transit Authority or Service Boards, as  
25 defined in Section 1.03 of the Northern Illinois Transit  
26 Authority Act, shall become the transportation asset

1 management plans for all public transportation assets owned  
2 and operated by the Service Boards. The Department's transit  
3 asset management plan shall be made publicly available on the  
4 Department's website. The Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
5 shall be responsible for making public transit asset  
6 management plans for its service area publicly available.

7 (e) The Department shall develop a performance-based  
8 project selection process to prioritize taxpayer investment in  
9 State-owned transportation assets that add capacity. The goal  
10 of the process is to select projects through an evaluation  
11 process. This process shall provide the ability to prioritize  
12 projects based on geographic regions. The Department shall  
13 solicit input from localities, metropolitan planning  
14 organizations, transit authorities, transportation  
15 authorities, representatives of labor and private businesses,  
16 the public, community-based organizations, and other  
17 stakeholders in its development of the prioritization process  
18 pursuant to this subsection.

19 The selection process shall include a defined public  
20 process by which candidate projects are evaluated and  
21 selected. The process shall include both a quantitative  
22 analysis of the evaluation factors and qualitative review by  
23 the Department. The Department may apply different weights to  
24 the performance measures based on regional geography or  
25 project type. Projects selected as part of the process will be  
26 considered for inclusion in the State's multi-year

1 transportation program and the annual element of the  
2 multi-year program. Starting April 1, 2022, no new capacity  
3 project shall be included in the multi-year transportation  
4 plan or annual element without being evaluated under the  
5 selection process described in this Section. Existing projects  
6 in the multi-year highway improvement program may be included  
7 regardless of the outcome of using the performance-based  
8 project selection tool. The policies that guide the  
9 performance-based project selection process shall be derived  
10 from State and regional long-range transportation plans. The  
11 Department shall certify that it is making progress toward the  
12 goals included in the State's long-range transportation plan.  
13 All plan and program development based on the project  
14 selection process described in this subsection shall include  
15 consideration of regional balance. The selection process shall  
16 be based on an objective and quantifiable analysis that  
17 considers, at a minimum, the goals identified in the  
18 long-range transportation plan and shall:

19 (1) consider emissions and increase infrastructure  
20 resilience due to climate change;

21 (2) reduce disparities in transportation system  
22 performance experienced by racially marginalized  
23 communities, low-income to moderate-income consumers, and  
24 other disadvantaged groups and populations identified  
25 under the Environmental Justice Act; and

26 (3) evaluate project potential for mode shift away

1 from single-occupancy vehicles and commercial motor  
2 vehicles.

3 (f) The prioritization process developed under subsection  
4 (e) may apply only to State jurisdiction projects and not to:

5 (1) projects funded by the Congestion Mitigation and  
6 Air Quality Improvement funds apportioned to the State  
7 pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 104(b) (4) and State matching funds;

8 (2) projects funded by the Highway Safety Improvement  
9 Program funds apportioned to the State pursuant to 23  
10 U.S.C. 104(b) (3) and State matching funds;

11 (3) projects funded by the Transportation Alternatives  
12 funds set-aside pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 133(h) and State  
13 matching funds;

14 (4) projects funded by the National Highway Freight  
15 Program pursuant to 23 U.S.C. 167 and State matching  
16 funds;

17 (5) funds to be allocated to urban areas based on  
18 population under federal law; and

19 (6) any new federal program that requires competitive  
20 selection, distribution to local public agencies, or  
21 specific eligibility.

22 (g) A summary of the project evaluation process, measures,  
23 program, and scores for all candidate projects shall be  
24 published on the Department website in a timely manner.

25 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-594)

2 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
3 delayed effective date)

4 (Section scheduled to be repealed on January 1, 2030)

5 Sec. 2705-594. Transit Integration Policy Development  
6 Committee.

7 (a) The Transit Integration Policy Development Committee  
8 is created within the Department to better integrate transit  
9 policy, planning, and design into Department decisions and  
10 highway planning and design. The Committee shall consist of  
11 the following members:

12 (1) the Secretary or the Secretary's designee;

13 (2) representatives of the Department that are  
14 involved in highway or intermodal project implementation,  
15 design, planning, or programming, as designated by the  
16 Secretary; and

17 (3) transportation experts from outside the  
18 Department, including, but not limited to, staff of a  
19 metropolitan planning organization or local transportation  
20 department, as designated by the Secretary.

21 (b) The Committee shall recommend new policies and  
22 processes or shall review and recommend revisions to existing  
23 policies and processes for:

24 (1) identifying existing, planned, and potential  
25 future transit corridors;

26 (2) soliciting in a timely fashion and evaluating

1 feedback from local transit agencies and local governments  
2 as it pertains to Department projects on existing,  
3 planned, and potential future transit corridors;

4 (3) coordinating with local transit authorities,  
5 intercity bus operators, and local governments on the  
6 delivery of bus rapid transit and bus priority projects;

7 (4) incorporating designing for transit vehicles and  
8 intercity buses on highway projects in the Department's  
9 Design and Environment Manual, including design to  
10 facilitate bus-on-shoulder operations; and

11 (5) developing a cost and maintenance policy for  
12 construction and maintenance of future facilities in  
13 partnership with transit agencies.

14 (c) The Committee shall research global best practices on  
15 optimizing roadways for public transportation services.

16 (d) The Committee shall consult with highway and transit  
17 experts, transit users, and other individuals and groups with  
18 knowledge and experience on how to optimize roadways for  
19 public transportation service.

20 (e) The Department shall implement policies and processes  
21 based on recommendations developed by the Transit Integration  
22 Policy Development Committee under subsection (b) and shall  
23 publish, by January 1, 2028 ~~2027~~, a report on the  
24 modifications to the Department's policies and procedures  
25 based on input from the Transit Integration Policy Development  
26 Committee. The report shall include the Department's

1 identification of statutory provisions that the Department  
2 believes make it difficult or impossible for the Department to  
3 implement its recommended best practices for optimizing its  
4 highways for public transit service and users.

5 (f) The Transit Integration Policy Development Committee  
6 shall review and evaluate the Department's implementation of  
7 policies and processes created or revised under subsection  
8 (f). The Committee shall publish a report on the status of the  
9 Department's implementation of these policies and procedures  
10 by January 1, 2030.

11 (g) This Section is repealed January 1, 2030.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

13 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-598)

14 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
15 delayed effective date)

16 Sec. 2705-598. Planning study on improvements needed at  
17 the Joliet train station. By December 1, 2030, the ~~The~~  
18 Department shall conduct a planning study on improvements  
19 needed at the Joliet train station for potential extensions of  
20 passenger rail service to Peoria and other locations outside  
21 of the counties of Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and  
22 Will.

23 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

24 Section 15. The State Finance Act is amended by changing

1 Sections 5d, 6c, and 8.3 as follows:

2 (30 ILCS 105/5d) (from Ch. 127, par. 141d)

3 Sec. 5d. Except as provided by Section 5e of this Act, the  
4 State Construction Account Fund shall be used exclusively for  
5 the construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the State  
6 maintained highway system. Except as provided by Section 5e of  
7 this Act, none of the money deposited in the State  
8 Construction Account Fund shall be used to pay the cost of  
9 administering the Motor Fuel Tax Law as now or hereafter  
10 amended, nor be appropriated for use by the Department of  
11 Transportation to pay the cost of its operations or  
12 administration, nor be used in any manner for the payment of  
13 regular or contractual employees of the State, nor be  
14 transferred or allocated by the Comptroller and Treasurer or  
15 be otherwise used, except for the sole purpose of  
16 construction, reconstruction and maintenance of the State  
17 maintained highway system as the Illinois General Assembly  
18 shall provide by appropriation from this fund. Beginning with  
19 the month immediately following the effective date of this  
20 amendatory Act of 1985, investment income which is  
21 attributable to the investment of moneys of the State  
22 Construction Account Fund shall be retained in that fund for  
23 the uses specified in this Section. Beginning July 1, 2026, of  
24 the investment income which is attributable to the investment  
25 of moneys of the State Construction Account Fund, 90% ~~85%~~

1 shall be deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
2 Authority Capital Improvement Fund and 10% ~~15%~~ shall be  
3 deposited into the Downstate Mass Transportation Capital  
4 Improvement Fund.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

6 (30 ILCS 105/6c) (from Ch. 127, par. 142c)

7 Sec. 6c. All fees and other money received by the Division  
8 of Highways of the Department of Transportation shall, upon  
9 being paid into the State treasury, be placed in the Road Fund.  
10 After the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1980,  
11 investment income which is attributable to the investment of  
12 moneys of the Road Fund shall be retained in the Road Fund.  
13 Beginning July 1, 2026, of the investment income which is  
14 attributable to the investment of moneys of the Road Fund, 90%  
15 shall be deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
16 Authority Capital Improvement Fund and 10% shall be deposited  
17 into the Downstate Mass Transportation Capital Improvement  
18 Fund.

19 (Source: P.A. 81-1550.)

20 (30 ILCS 105/8.3)

21 Sec. 8.3. Money in the Road Fund shall, if and when the  
22 State of Illinois incurs any bonded indebtedness for the  
23 construction of permanent highways, be set aside and used for  
24 the purpose of paying and discharging annually the principal

1 and interest on that bonded indebtedness then due and payable,  
2 and for no other purpose. The surplus, if any, in the Road Fund  
3 after the payment of principal and interest on that bonded  
4 indebtedness then annually due shall be used as follows:

5 first -- to pay the cost of administration of Chapters  
6 2 through 10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, except the cost  
7 of administration of Articles I and II of Chapter 3 of that  
8 Code, and to pay the costs of the Executive Ethics  
9 Commission for oversight and administration of the Chief  
10 Procurement Officer appointed under paragraph (2) of  
11 subsection (a) of Section 10-20 of the Illinois  
12 Procurement Code for transportation; and

13 secondly -- for expenses of the Department of  
14 Transportation for construction, reconstruction,  
15 improvement, repair, maintenance, operation, and  
16 administration of highways in accordance with the  
17 provisions of laws relating thereto, or for any purpose  
18 related or incident to and connected therewith, including  
19 the separation of grades of those highways with railroads  
20 and with highways and including the payment of awards made  
21 by the Illinois Workers' Compensation Commission under the  
22 terms of the Workers' Compensation Act or Workers'  
23 Occupational Diseases Act for injury or death of an  
24 employee of the Division of Highways in the Department of  
25 Transportation; or for the acquisition of land and the  
26 erection of buildings for highway purposes, including the

1 acquisition of highway right-of-way or for investigations  
2 to determine the reasonably anticipated future highway  
3 needs; or for making of surveys, plans, specifications and  
4 estimates for and in the construction and maintenance of  
5 flight strips and of highways necessary to provide access  
6 to military and naval reservations, to defense industries  
7 and defense-industry sites, and to the sources of raw  
8 materials and for replacing existing highways and highway  
9 connections shut off from general public use at military  
10 and naval reservations and defense-industry sites, or for  
11 the purchase of right-of-way, except that the State shall  
12 be reimbursed in full for any expense incurred in building  
13 the flight strips; or for the operating and maintaining of  
14 highway garages; or for patrolling and policing the public  
15 highways and conserving the peace; or for the operating  
16 expenses of the Department relating to the administration  
17 of public transportation programs; Northern Illinois  
18 Transit or, during fiscal year 2025, for the purposes of a  
19 grant not to exceed \$10,020,000 to the Northern Illinois  
20 Transit Authority on behalf of PACE for the purpose of  
21 ADA/Para-transit expenses; or, during fiscal year 2026,  
22 for the purposes of a grant not to exceed \$11,500,000 to  
23 the Regional Transportation Authority on behalf of PACE  
24 for the purpose of ADA/Para-transit expenses; or for any  
25 of those purposes or any other purpose that may be  
26 provided by law.

1           Appropriations for any of those purposes are payable from  
2 the Road Fund. Appropriations may also be made from the Road  
3 Fund for the administrative expenses of any State agency that  
4 are related to motor vehicles or arise from the use of motor  
5 vehicles.

6           Beginning with fiscal year 1980 and thereafter, no Road  
7 Fund monies shall be appropriated to the following Departments  
8 or agencies of State government for administration, grants, or  
9 operations; but this limitation is not a restriction upon  
10 appropriating for those purposes any Road Fund monies that are  
11 eligible for federal reimbursement:

12           1. Department of Public Health;

13           2. Department of Transportation, only with respect to  
14 subsidies for one-half fare Student Transportation and  
15 Reduced Fare for Elderly, except fiscal year 2025 when no  
16 more than \$20,969,900 may be expended and except fiscal  
17 year 2026 when no more than \$23,067,000 may be expended;

18           3. Department of Central Management Services, except  
19 for expenditures incurred for group insurance premiums of  
20 appropriate personnel;

21           4. Judicial Systems and Agencies.

22           Beginning with fiscal year 1981 and thereafter, no Road  
23 Fund monies shall be appropriated to the following Departments  
24 or agencies of State government for administration, grants, or  
25 operations; but this limitation is not a restriction upon  
26 appropriating for those purposes any Road Fund monies that are

1 eligible for federal reimbursement:

2 1. Illinois State Police, except for expenditures with  
3 respect to the Division of Patrol and Division of Criminal  
4 Investigation;

5 2. Department of Transportation, only with respect to  
6 Intercity Rail Subsidies, except fiscal year 2025 when no  
7 more than \$67,000,000 may be expended and except fiscal  
8 year 2026 when no more than \$76,000,000 may be expended,  
9 and Rail Freight Services.

10 Beginning with fiscal year 1982 and thereafter, no Road  
11 Fund monies shall be appropriated to the following Departments  
12 or agencies of State government for administration, grants, or  
13 operations; but this limitation is not a restriction upon  
14 appropriating for those purposes any Road Fund monies that are  
15 eligible for federal reimbursement: Department of Central  
16 Management Services, except for awards made by the Illinois  
17 Workers' Compensation Commission under the terms of the  
18 Workers' Compensation Act or Workers' Occupational Diseases  
19 Act for injury or death of an employee of the Division of  
20 Highways in the Department of Transportation.

21 Beginning with fiscal year 1984 and thereafter, no Road  
22 Fund monies shall be appropriated to the following Departments  
23 or agencies of State government for administration, grants, or  
24 operations; but this limitation is not a restriction upon  
25 appropriating for those purposes any Road Fund monies that are  
26 eligible for federal reimbursement:

1           1. Illinois State Police, except not more than 40% of  
2           the funds appropriated for the Division of Patrol and  
3           Division of Criminal Investigation;

4           2. State Officers.

5           Beginning with fiscal year 1984 and thereafter, no Road  
6           Fund monies shall be appropriated to any Department or agency  
7           of State government for administration, grants, or operations  
8           except as provided hereafter; but this limitation is not a  
9           restriction upon appropriating for those purposes any Road  
10          Fund monies that are eligible for federal reimbursement. It  
11          shall not be lawful to circumvent the above appropriation  
12          limitations by governmental reorganization or other methods.  
13          Appropriations shall be made from the Road Fund only in  
14          accordance with the provisions of this Section.

15          Money in the Road Fund shall, if and when the State of  
16          Illinois incurs any bonded indebtedness for the construction  
17          of permanent highways, be set aside and used for the purpose of  
18          paying and discharging during each fiscal year the principal  
19          and interest on that bonded indebtedness as it becomes due and  
20          payable as provided in the General Obligation Bond Act, and  
21          for no other purpose. The surplus, if any, in the Road Fund  
22          after the payment of principal and interest on that bonded  
23          indebtedness then annually due shall be used as follows:

24                  first -- to pay the cost of administration of Chapters  
25                  2 through 10 of the Illinois Vehicle Code; and

26                  secondly -- no Road Fund monies derived from fees,

1 excises, or license taxes relating to registration,  
2 operation and use of vehicles on public highways or to  
3 fuels used for the propulsion of those vehicles, shall be  
4 appropriated or expended other than for costs of  
5 administering the laws imposing those fees, excises, and  
6 license taxes, statutory refunds and adjustments allowed  
7 thereunder, administrative costs of the Department of  
8 Transportation, including, but not limited to, the  
9 operating expenses of the Department relating to the  
10 administration of public transportation programs, payment  
11 of debts and liabilities incurred in construction and  
12 reconstruction of public highways and bridges, acquisition  
13 of rights-of-way for and the cost of construction,  
14 reconstruction, maintenance, repair, and operation of  
15 public highways and bridges under the direction and  
16 supervision of the State, political subdivision, or  
17 municipality collecting those monies, Northern Illinois  
18 Transit or during fiscal year 2025 for the purposes of a  
19 grant not to exceed \$10,020,000 to the Northern Illinois  
20 Transit Authority on behalf of PACE for the purpose of  
21 ADA/Para-transit expenses, or during fiscal year 2026 for  
22 the purposes of a grant not to exceed \$11,500,000 to the  
23 Regional Transportation Authority on behalf of PACE for  
24 the purpose of ADA/Para-transit expenses, and the costs  
25 for patrolling and policing the public highways (by the  
26 State, political subdivision, or municipality collecting

1           that money) for enforcement of traffic laws. The  
2           separation of grades of such highways with railroads and  
3           costs associated with protection of at-grade highway and  
4           railroad crossing shall also be permissible.

5           Appropriations for any of such purposes are payable from  
6           the Road Fund or the Grade Crossing Protection Fund as  
7           provided in Section 8 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law.

8           Except as provided in this paragraph, beginning with  
9           fiscal year 1991 and thereafter, no Road Fund monies shall be  
10          appropriated to the Illinois State Police for the purposes of  
11          this Section in excess of its total fiscal year 1990 Road Fund  
12          appropriations for those purposes unless otherwise provided in  
13          Section 5g of this Act. For fiscal years 2003, 2004, 2005,  
14          2006, and 2007 only, no Road Fund monies shall be appropriated  
15          to the Department of State Police for the purposes of this  
16          Section in excess of \$97,310,000. For fiscal year 2008 only,  
17          no Road Fund monies shall be appropriated to the Department of  
18          State Police for the purposes of this Section in excess of  
19          \$106,100,000. For fiscal year 2009 only, no Road Fund monies  
20          shall be appropriated to the Department of State Police for  
21          the purposes of this Section in excess of \$114,700,000.  
22          Beginning in fiscal year 2010, no Road Fund moneys shall be  
23          appropriated to the Illinois State Police. It shall not be  
24          lawful to circumvent this limitation on appropriations by  
25          governmental reorganization or other methods unless otherwise  
26          provided in Section 5g of this Act.

1           In fiscal year 1994, no Road Fund monies shall be  
2           appropriated to the Secretary of State for the purposes of  
3           this Section in excess of the total fiscal year 1991 Road Fund  
4           appropriations to the Secretary of State for those purposes,  
5           plus \$9,800,000. It shall not be lawful to circumvent this  
6           limitation on appropriations by governmental reorganization or  
7           other method.

8           Beginning with fiscal year 1995 and thereafter, no Road  
9           Fund monies shall be appropriated to the Secretary of State  
10          for the purposes of this Section in excess of the total fiscal  
11          year 1994 Road Fund appropriations to the Secretary of State  
12          for those purposes. It shall not be lawful to circumvent this  
13          limitation on appropriations by governmental reorganization or  
14          other methods.

15          Beginning with fiscal year 2000, total Road Fund  
16          appropriations to the Secretary of State for the purposes of  
17          this Section shall not exceed the amounts specified for the  
18          following fiscal years:

19          Fiscal Year 2000	\$80,500,000;
20          Fiscal Year 2001	\$80,500,000;
21          Fiscal Year 2002	\$80,500,000;
22          Fiscal Year 2003	\$130,500,000;
23          Fiscal Year 2004	\$130,500,000;
24          Fiscal Year 2005	\$130,500,000;
25          Fiscal Year 2006	\$130,500,000;
26          Fiscal Year 2007	\$130,500,000;

1           Fiscal Year 2008                                 \$130,500,000;  
2           Fiscal Year 2009                                 \$130,500,000.

3           For fiscal year 2010, no road fund moneys shall be  
4 appropriated to the Secretary of State.

5           Beginning in fiscal year 2011, moneys in the Road Fund  
6 shall be appropriated to the Secretary of State for the  
7 exclusive purpose of paying refunds due to overpayment of fees  
8 related to Chapter 3 of the Illinois Vehicle Code unless  
9 otherwise provided for by law.

10           Beginning in fiscal year 2025, moneys in the Road Fund may  
11 be appropriated to the Environmental Protection Agency for the  
12 exclusive purpose of making deposits into the Electric Vehicle  
13 Rebate and Charging Fund, subject to appropriation, to be used  
14 for purposes consistent with Section 11 of Article IX of the  
15 Illinois Constitution.

16           In fiscal year 2026, in addition to any other uses  
17 permitted by law, moneys in the Road Fund may be used, subject  
18 to appropriation, by the Department of Transportation for  
19 grants to port districts for the purpose of making  
20 infrastructure improvements consistent with Section 11 of  
21 Article IX of the Illinois Constitution.

22           Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
23 beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, any interest earned on monies  
24 in the Road Fund and the State Construction Account Fund shall  
25 be dedicated to public transportation construction  
26 improvements or debt service. Of the interest earned on moneys

1 in the Road Fund and the State Construction Account Fund on or  
2 after July 1, 2026, 90% shall be deposited into the Northern  
3 Illinois Transit Capital Improvement Fund to be used by the  
4 Northern Illinois Transit Authority for construction  
5 improvements and 10% shall be deposited into the Downstate  
6 Mass Transportation Capital Improvement Fund to be used by  
7 participants in the Downstate Public Transportation Fund,  
8 other than the Northern Illinois Transit Authority, for  
9 construction improvements. There shall be a transfer of  
10 \$5,000,000 from the Downstate Transit Improvement Fund to an  
11 airport operated under the University of Illinois Airport Act.  
12 Beginning in Fiscal Year 2027, the Department shall issue a  
13 biennial ~~semi-annual~~ call for projects for the ~~this~~ program  
14 funded by the interest earned on moneys in the Road Fund and  
15 State Construction Account Fund and deposited into the  
16 Downstate Mass Transportation Capital Improvement Fund.

17 It shall not be lawful to circumvent this limitation on  
18 appropriations by governmental reorganization or other  
19 methods.

20 No new program may be initiated in fiscal year 1991 and  
21 thereafter that is not consistent with the limitations imposed  
22 by this Section for fiscal year 1984 and thereafter, insofar  
23 as appropriation of Road Fund monies is concerned.

24 Nothing in this Section prohibits transfers from the Road  
25 Fund to the State Construction Account Fund under Section 5e  
26 of this Act; nor to the General Revenue Fund, as authorized by

1 Public Act 93-25.

2 The additional amounts authorized for expenditure in this  
3 Section by Public Acts 92-0600, 93-0025, 93-0839, and 94-91  
4 shall be repaid to the Road Fund from the General Revenue Fund  
5 in the next succeeding fiscal year that the General Revenue  
6 Fund has a positive budgetary balance, as determined by  
7 generally accepted accounting principles applicable to  
8 government.

9 The additional amounts authorized for expenditure by the  
10 Secretary of State and the Department of State Police in this  
11 Section by Public Act 94-91 shall be repaid to the Road Fund  
12 from the General Revenue Fund in the next succeeding fiscal  
13 year that the General Revenue Fund has a positive budgetary  
14 balance, as determined by generally accepted accounting  
15 principles applicable to government.

16 (Source: P.A. 103-8, eff. 6-7-23; 103-34, eff. 1-1-24;  
17 103-588, eff. 6-5-24; 103-605, eff. 7-1-24; 103-616, eff.  
18 7-1-24; 104-2, eff. 6-16-25; 104-417, eff. 8-15-25; 104-457,  
19 eff. 6-1-26; 104-458, eff. 6-1-26; revised 1-12-26.)

20 Section 20. The Illinois Procurement Code is amended by  
21 changing Section 20-25.3 as follows:

22 (30 ILCS 500/20-25.3)

23 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
24 delayed effective date)

1           Sec. 20-25.3. Procurement of transition consultant by the  
2 Department of Transportation.

3           (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Code or  
4 any law to the contrary, the Department of Transportation  
5 shall identify a method of source selection that will make it  
6 possible to procure and contract with a consultant to assist  
7 with the transition from the Regional Transportation Authority  
8 to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority as set out in  
9 Section 1.04 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act.

10 The source selection method identified by the Department of  
11 Transportation is not limited to those otherwise set forth in  
12 this Code. The transition consultant shall assist the  
13 Department of Transportation and the interim Northern Illinois  
14 Transit Authority Board to develop a transition plan,  
15 including the transition of functions between the Service  
16 Boards and the Authority, the evaluation of existing policy  
17 processes, and the development of a process for efficient and  
18 effective operations by both the Northern Illinois Transit  
19 Authority and the Service Boards.

20           (b) The method of source selection shall be by an  
21 expedited, competitive process approved by the Chief  
22 Procurement Officer appointed under paragraph (4) of  
23 subsection (a) of Section 10-20.

24           (c) All potential contractors shall be registered in the  
25 Illinois Procurement Gateway vendor portal prior to contract  
26 execution.

1 (d) Except for Sections 5-5, 5-7, 10-10, 20-75, 20-80,  
2 20-120, 20-155, 20-160, and 25-60, paragraph (5) of subsection  
3 (b) of Section 15-25, and Article 50 and any rules adopted  
4 under those Sections and Article, this Code does not apply to  
5 procurements required by this Section, notwithstanding any  
6 other provision of this Code or any law to the contrary.

7 (e) This Section is inoperative 2 years after the  
8 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
9 Assembly.

10 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

11 Section 25. The Downstate Public Transportation Act is  
12 amended by changing Sections 2-2.03, 2-7, 2-15, 3-1.03, and  
13 4-1.11 as follows:

14 (30 ILCS 740/2-2.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 662.03)

15 Sec. 2-2.03. "Operating deficits" means the amount by  
16 which eligible operating expenses exceed revenue from fares,  
17 reduced fare reimbursements, rental of properties,  
18 ~~advertising,~~ and any other amounts collected and received by a  
19 provider of public transportation, which, under standard  
20 accounting practices, are properly classified as operating  
21 revenue or operating income attributable to providing public  
22 transportation and revenue from any federal financial  
23 assistance received by the participant to defray operating  
24 expenses or deficits. For purposes of determining operating

1 deficits, local effort from local taxes or its equivalent  
2 shall not be included as operating revenue or operating  
3 income. Provided, however, under the provisions of this Act  
4 with respect to any operating deficit incurred by any  
5 Metro-East Transit District participant, such operating  
6 deficits shall be limited solely to those arising out of  
7 operations within the State of Illinois.

8 (Source: P.A. 86-590.)

9 (30 ILCS 740/2-7) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 667)

10 Sec. 2-7. Quarterly reports; annual audit.

11 (a) Any Metro-East Transit District participant shall, no  
12 later than 60 days following the end of each quarter of any  
13 fiscal year, file with the Department on forms provided by the  
14 Department for that purpose, a report of the actual operating  
15 deficit experienced during that quarter. The Department shall,  
16 upon receipt of the quarterly report, determine whether the  
17 operating deficits were incurred in conformity with the  
18 program of proposed expenditures and services approved by the  
19 Department pursuant to Section 2-11. Any Metro-East District  
20 may either monthly or quarterly for any fiscal year file a  
21 request for the participant's eligible share, as allocated in  
22 accordance with Section 2-6, of the amounts transferred into  
23 the Metro-East Public Transportation Fund.

24 (b) Each participant other than any Metro-East Transit  
25 District participant shall, 30 days before the end of each

1 quarter, file with the Department on forms provided by the  
2 Department for such purposes a report of the projected  
3 eligible operating expenses to be incurred in the next quarter  
4 and 30 days before the third and fourth quarters of any fiscal  
5 year a statement of actual eligible operating expenses  
6 incurred in the preceding quarters. Except as otherwise  
7 provided in subsection (b-5), within 45 days of receipt by the  
8 Department of such quarterly report, the Comptroller shall  
9 order paid and the Treasurer shall pay from the Downstate  
10 Public Transportation Fund to each participant an amount equal  
11 to one-third of such participant's eligible operating  
12 expenses; provided, however, that in Fiscal Year 1997, the  
13 amount paid to each participant from the Downstate Public  
14 Transportation Fund shall be an amount equal to 47% of such  
15 participant's eligible operating expenses and shall be  
16 increased to 49% in Fiscal Year 1998, 51% in Fiscal Year 1999,  
17 53% in Fiscal Year 2000, 55% in Fiscal Years 2001 through 2007,  
18 65% in Fiscal Years 2008 through 2026, and 80% in Fiscal Year  
19 2027 and thereafter; however, in any year that a participant  
20 receives funding under subsection (i) of Section 2705-305 of  
21 the Department of Transportation Law (20 ILCS 2705/2705-305),  
22 that participant shall be eligible only for assistance equal  
23 to the following percentage of its eligible operating  
24 expenses: 42% in Fiscal Year 1997, 44% in Fiscal Year 1998, 46%  
25 in Fiscal Year 1999, 48% in Fiscal Year 2000, and 50% in Fiscal  
26 Year 2001 and thereafter. Any such payment for the third and

1 fourth quarters of any fiscal year shall be adjusted to  
2 reflect actual eligible operating expenses for preceding  
3 quarters of such fiscal year. However, no participant shall  
4 receive an amount less than that which was received in the  
5 immediate prior year, provided in the event of a shortfall in  
6 the fund those participants receiving less than their full  
7 allocation pursuant to Section 2-6 of this Article shall be  
8 the first participants to receive an amount not less than that  
9 received in the immediate prior year.

10 (b-5) (Blank).

11 (b-10) On July 1, 2008, each participant shall receive an  
12 appropriation in an amount equal to 65% of its fiscal year 2008  
13 eligible operating expenses adjusted by the annual 10%  
14 increase required by Section 2-2.04 of this Act. In no case  
15 shall any participant receive an appropriation that is less  
16 than its fiscal year 2008 appropriation. Every fiscal year  
17 thereafter, each participant's appropriation shall increase by  
18 10% over the appropriation established for the preceding  
19 fiscal year as required by Section 2-2.04 of this Act.

20 (b-11) Beginning July 1, 2026, and every fiscal year  
21 thereafter, if the participant's expenditures in the  
22 immediately preceding fiscal year are equal to or greater than  
23 85% of the amounts appropriated to the participant in the  
24 immediately preceding fiscal year, then the participant's  
25 appropriation shall increase by an amount equal to the  
26 year-over-year percentage increase in revenue deposited into

1 the Downstate Public Transportation Fund. ~~If there was a~~  
2 ~~year over year reduction in the revenue deposited into the~~  
3 ~~Fund, then each participant's appropriation shall be no more~~  
4 ~~than the previous fiscal year's appropriation.~~

5 (b-15) Beginning on July 1, 2007, and for each fiscal year  
6 thereafter, each participant shall maintain a minimum local  
7 share contribution (from farebox and all other local revenues)  
8 equal to the actual amount provided in Fiscal Year 2006 or, for  
9 new recipients, an amount equivalent to the local share  
10 provided in the first year of participation. The local share  
11 contribution shall be reduced by an amount equal to the total  
12 amount of lost revenue for services provided under Section  
13 2-15.2 and Section 2-15.3 of this Act.

14 (b-20) Any participant in the Downstate Public  
15 Transportation Fund may use State operating assistance funding  
16 pursuant to this Section to provide transportation services  
17 within any county that is contiguous to its territorial  
18 boundaries as defined by the Department and subject to  
19 Departmental approval. Any such contiguous-area service  
20 provided by a participant after July 1, 2007 must meet the  
21 requirements of subsection (a) of Section 2-5.1.

22 (c) No later than 180 days following the last day of the  
23 participant's Fiscal Year each participant shall provide the  
24 Department with an audit prepared by a Certified Public  
25 Accountant covering that Fiscal Year. For those participants  
26 other than a Metro-East Transit District, any discrepancy

1 between the funds paid and the percentage of the eligible  
2 operating expenses provided for by paragraph (b) of this  
3 Section shall be reconciled by appropriate payment or credit.  
4 In the case of any Metro-East Transit District, any amount of  
5 payments from the Metro-East Public Transportation Fund which  
6 exceed the eligible deficit of the participant shall be  
7 reconciled by appropriate payment or credit.

8 (d) Upon the Department's final reconciliation  
9 determination that identifies a discrepancy between the  
10 Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds paid and the  
11 percentage of the eligible operating expenses which results in  
12 a reimbursement payment due to the Department, the participant  
13 shall remit the reimbursement payment to the Department no  
14 later than 90 days after written notification.

15 (e) Funds received by the Department from participants for  
16 reimbursement as a result of an overpayment from a prior State  
17 fiscal year shall be deposited into the Downstate Public  
18 Transportation Fund in the fiscal year in which they are  
19 received and all unspent funds shall roll to following fiscal  
20 years.

21 (f) Upon the Department's final reconciliation  
22 determination that identifies a discrepancy between the  
23 Downstate Operating Assistance Program funds paid and the  
24 percentage of the eligible operating expenses which results in  
25 a reimbursement payment due to the participant, the Department  
26 shall remit the reimbursement payment to the participant no

1 later than 90 days after written notifications.

2 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

3 (30 ILCS 740/2-15) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 675.1)

4 Sec. 2-15. Residual fund balance.

5 (a) Except as otherwise provided in this Section, all  
6 funds that remain in the Downstate Public Transportation Fund  
7 or the Metro-East Public Transportation Fund after the payment  
8 of the fourth quarterly payment to participants other than  
9 Metro-East Transit District participants and the last monthly  
10 payment to Metro-East Transit participants in each fiscal year  
11 shall be transferred to the Downstate Transit Improvement Fund  
12 for fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter.  
13 Transfers shall be made no later than 90 days after the end of  
14 the fiscal year. However, an amount the Department determines  
15 to be necessary for allocation to participants for the  
16 purposes of Section 2-7 for the first quarter of the  
17 succeeding fiscal year and an amount equal to 2% of the total  
18 allocations to participants in the immediately preceding  
19 fiscal year to be used for the purpose of audit adjustments  
20 shall be retained in the Funds to be used by the Department for  
21 those purposes. Beginning fiscal year 2010, all moneys each  
22 year in the Downstate Transit Improvement Fund, held solely  
23 for the benefit of the participants in the Downstate Public  
24 Transportation Fund and shall be appropriated to the  
25 Department to make competitive capital grants to the

1 participants of the respective funds, except that a portion of  
2 the total residual fund balance remaining in the Downstate  
3 Transit Improvement Fund after the completion of Fiscal Year  
4 2026 and every year thereafter may be used by the Department  
5 for intercity rail capital projects for connectivity between  
6 downstate communities and Chicago, including routes to new  
7 destinations. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2026, the Department of  
8 Transportation may issue an annual notice of funding  
9 opportunity for intercity rail capital projects that may  
10 include, but are not limited to, station upgrades, grade  
11 separations, and planning studies for new destinations. The  
12 amount used from this fund for intercity rail capital projects  
13 may not exceed \$342,000,000. However, such amount as the  
14 Department determines to be necessary for ~~(1)~~ allocation to  
15 participants for the purposes of Section 2-7 for the first  
16 quarter of the succeeding fiscal year and ~~(2) an amount equal~~  
17 ~~to 2% of the total allocations to participants in the fiscal~~  
18 ~~year just ended to be used for~~ the purpose of audit adjustments  
19 shall be retained in such Funds to be used by the Department  
20 for such purposes. Notwithstanding any other provision of law,  
21 for Fiscal Year 2027, the sum of \$3,750,000, or so much of that  
22 amount as may be necessary, may be appropriated from the  
23 Downstate Transit Improvement Fund to the Department of  
24 Transportation to make a grant to the Springfield Airport  
25 Authority for the purpose of supporting daily commercial air  
26 service between Springfield and Chicago O'Hare International

1 Airport in order to facilitate State operations in the Capital  
2 City.

3 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, in  
4 addition to any other transfers that may be provided by law, on  
5 July 1, 2011, or as soon thereafter as practical, the State  
6 Comptroller shall direct and the State Treasurer shall  
7 transfer the remaining balance from the Metro East Public  
8 Transportation Fund into the General Revenue Fund. Upon  
9 completion of the transfers, the Metro East Public  
10 Transportation Fund is dissolved, and any future deposits due  
11 to that Fund and any outstanding obligations or liabilities of  
12 that Fund pass to the General Revenue Fund.

13 (c) If necessary, the Department of Transportation may  
14 notify the Comptroller of a projected deficit in the Downstate  
15 Public Transportation Fund of the amount needed to cover the  
16 required statutory reimbursement of eligible operating  
17 expenses to participants in the Downstate Public  
18 Transportation Fund. If the Comptroller is notified of a  
19 projected deficit, then the Comptroller shall order  
20 transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from the  
21 Downstate Transit Improvement Fund the amount necessary to  
22 remedy the projected deficit in the Downstate Public  
23 Transportation Fund.

24 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

25 (30 ILCS 740/3-1.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 684)

1           Sec. 3-1.03. "Operating deficits" means the amount by  
2 which eligible operating expenses exceed revenues from  
3 nonreimbursable fares, rental of properties, ~~advertising,~~ and  
4 any other amounts collected or received in the process of  
5 providing public transportation under this Article which,  
6 under standard accounting practices for the providing of  
7 public transportation are properly classified as operating  
8 revenue or operating income attributable to providing public  
9 transportation under this Article. For purposes of determining  
10 operating deficits, operating revenue or operating income  
11 shall not include such funds as the Department may determine  
12 consistent with federal Department of Transportation  
13 regulations and requirements affecting Section 18.

14         (Source: P.A. 82-783.)

15           (30 ILCS 740/4-1.11) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 699.11)

16           Sec. 4-1.11. "Operating revenues" means income from  
17 nonreimbursable fares, rental of properties, ~~advertising,~~  
18 local and state funds contributed to meet eligible operating  
19 expenses, and any other amounts collected or received in the  
20 process of providing public transportation under this Article,  
21 and any revenue which is an operating revenue according to  
22 standard accounting practices for the providing of public  
23 transportation and which the Secretary may determine,  
24 consistent with the federal Department of Transportation  
25 regulations and requirements.

1 (Source: P.A. 86-16.)

2 Section 28. The Use Tax Act is amended by changing Section  
3 9 as follows:

4 (35 ILCS 105/9)

5 Sec. 9. Except as to motor vehicles, watercraft, aircraft,  
6 and trailers that are required to be registered with an agency  
7 of this State, each retailer required or authorized to collect  
8 the tax imposed by this Act shall pay to the Department the  
9 amount of such tax (except as otherwise provided) at the time  
10 when he is required to file his return for the period during  
11 which such tax was collected, less a discount of 2.1% prior to  
12 January 1, 1990, and 1.75% on and after January 1, 1990, or \$5  
13 per calendar year, whichever is greater, which is allowed to  
14 reimburse the retailer for expenses incurred in collecting the  
15 tax, keeping records, preparing and filing returns, remitting  
16 the tax and supplying data to the Department on request.  
17 Beginning with returns due on or after January 1, 2025, the  
18 discount allowed in this Section, the Retailers' Occupation  
19 Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Service Use  
20 Tax Act, including any local tax administered by the  
21 Department and reported on the same return, shall not exceed  
22 \$1,000 per month in the aggregate for returns other than  
23 transaction returns filed during the month. When determining  
24 the discount allowed under this Section, retailers shall

1 include the amount of tax that would have been due at the 6.25%  
2 rate but for the 1.25% rate imposed on sales tax holiday items  
3 under Public Act 102-700. The discount under this Section is  
4 not allowed for the 1.25% portion of taxes paid on aviation  
5 fuel that is subject to the revenue use requirements of 49  
6 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133. When determining the  
7 discount allowed under this Section, retailers shall include  
8 the amount of tax that would have been due at the 1% rate but  
9 for the 0% rate imposed under Public Act 102-700. In the case  
10 of retailers who report and pay the tax on a transaction by  
11 transaction basis, as provided in this Section, such discount  
12 shall be taken with each such tax remittance instead of when  
13 such retailer files his periodic return, but, beginning with  
14 returns due on or after January 1, 2025, the discount allowed  
15 under this Section and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
16 including any local tax administered by the Department and  
17 reported on the same transaction return, shall not exceed  
18 \$1,000 per month for all transaction returns filed during the  
19 month. The discount allowed under this Section is allowed only  
20 for returns that are filed in the manner required by this Act.  
21 The Department may disallow the discount for retailers whose  
22 certificate of registration is revoked at the time the return  
23 is filed, but only if the Department's decision to revoke the  
24 certificate of registration has become final. A retailer need  
25 not remit that part of any tax collected by him to the extent  
26 that he is required to remit and does remit the tax imposed by

1 the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, with respect to the sale of  
2 the same property.

3 Where such tangible personal property is sold under a  
4 conditional sales contract, or under any other form of sale  
5 wherein the payment of the principal sum, or a part thereof, is  
6 extended beyond the close of the period for which the return is  
7 filed, the retailer, in collecting the tax (except as to motor  
8 vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, and trailers that are required  
9 to be registered with an agency of this State), may collect for  
10 each tax return period only the tax applicable to that part of  
11 the selling price actually received during such tax return  
12 period.

13 In the case of leases, except as otherwise provided in  
14 this Act, the lessor, in collecting the tax, may collect for  
15 each tax return period only the tax applicable to that part of  
16 the selling price actually received during such tax return  
17 period.

18 Except as provided in this Section, on or before the  
19 twentieth day of each calendar month, such retailer shall file  
20 a return for the preceding calendar month. Such return shall  
21 be filed on forms prescribed by the Department and shall  
22 furnish such information as the Department may reasonably  
23 require. The return shall include the gross receipts on food  
24 for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises  
25 where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food  
26 consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks,

1 and food that has been prepared for immediate consumption)  
2 which were received during the preceding calendar month,  
3 quarter, or year, as appropriate, and upon which tax would  
4 have been due but for the 0% rate imposed under Public Act  
5 102-700. The return shall also include the amount of tax that  
6 would have been due on food for human consumption that is to be  
7 consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than  
8 alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult  
9 use cannabis, soft drinks, and food that has been prepared for  
10 immediate consumption) but for the 0% rate imposed under  
11 Public Act 102-700.

12 On and after January 1, 2018, except for returns required  
13 to be filed prior to January 1, 2023 for motor vehicles,  
14 watercraft, aircraft, and trailers that are required to be  
15 registered with an agency of this State, with respect to  
16 retailers whose annual gross receipts average \$20,000 or more,  
17 all returns required to be filed pursuant to this Act shall be  
18 filed electronically. On and after January 1, 2023, with  
19 respect to retailers whose annual gross receipts average  
20 \$20,000 or more, all returns required to be filed pursuant to  
21 this Act, including, but not limited to, returns for motor  
22 vehicles, watercraft, aircraft, and trailers that are required  
23 to be registered with an agency of this State, shall be filed  
24 electronically. Retailers who demonstrate that they do not  
25 have access to the Internet or demonstrate hardship in filing  
26 electronically may petition the Department to waive the

1 electronic filing requirement.

2 The Department may require returns to be filed on a  
3 quarterly basis. If so required, a return for each calendar  
4 quarter shall be filed on or before the twentieth day of the  
5 calendar month following the end of such calendar quarter. The  
6 taxpayer shall also file a return with the Department for each  
7 of the first 2 months of each calendar quarter, on or before  
8 the twentieth day of the following calendar month, stating:

9 1. The name of the seller;

10 2. The address of the principal place of business from  
11 which he engages in the business of selling tangible  
12 personal property at retail in this State;

13 3. The total amount of taxable receipts received by  
14 him during the preceding calendar month from sales of  
15 tangible personal property by him during such preceding  
16 calendar month, including receipts from charge and time  
17 sales, but less all deductions allowed by law;

18 4. The amount of credit provided in Section 2d of this  
19 Act;

20 5. The amount of tax due;

21 5-5. The signature of the taxpayer; and

22 6. Such other reasonable information as the Department  
23 may require.

24 Each retailer required or authorized to collect the tax  
25 imposed by this Act on aviation fuel sold at retail in this  
26 State during the preceding calendar month shall, instead of

1 reporting and paying tax on aviation fuel as otherwise  
2 required by this Section, report and pay such tax on a separate  
3 aviation fuel tax return. The requirements related to the  
4 return shall be as otherwise provided in this Section.  
5 Notwithstanding any other provisions of this Act to the  
6 contrary, retailers collecting tax on aviation fuel shall file  
7 all aviation fuel tax returns and shall make all aviation fuel  
8 tax payments by electronic means in the manner and form  
9 required by the Department. For purposes of this Section,  
10 "aviation fuel" means jet fuel and aviation gasoline.

11 If a taxpayer fails to sign a return within 30 days after  
12 the proper notice and demand for signature by the Department,  
13 the return shall be considered valid and any amount shown to be  
14 due on the return shall be deemed assessed.

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act to the  
16 contrary, retailers subject to tax on cannabis shall file all  
17 cannabis tax returns and shall make all cannabis tax payments  
18 by electronic means in the manner and form required by the  
19 Department.

20 Beginning October 1, 1993, a taxpayer who has an average  
21 monthly tax liability of \$150,000 or more shall make all  
22 payments required by rules of the Department by electronic  
23 funds transfer. Beginning October 1, 1994, a taxpayer who has  
24 an average monthly tax liability of \$100,000 or more shall  
25 make all payments required by rules of the Department by  
26 electronic funds transfer. Beginning October 1, 1995, a

1 taxpayer who has an average monthly tax liability of \$50,000  
2 or more shall make all payments required by rules of the  
3 Department by electronic funds transfer. Beginning October 1,  
4 2000, a taxpayer who has an annual tax liability of \$200,000 or  
5 more shall make all payments required by rules of the  
6 Department by electronic funds transfer. The term "annual tax  
7 liability" shall be the sum of the taxpayer's liabilities  
8 under this Act, and under all other State and local occupation  
9 and use tax laws administered by the Department, for the  
10 immediately preceding calendar year. The term "average monthly  
11 tax liability" means the sum of the taxpayer's liabilities  
12 under this Act, and under all other State and local occupation  
13 and use tax laws administered by the Department, for the  
14 immediately preceding calendar year divided by 12. Beginning  
15 on October 1, 2002, a taxpayer who has a tax liability in the  
16 amount set forth in subsection (b) of Section 2505-210 of the  
17 Department of Revenue Law shall make all payments required by  
18 rules of the Department by electronic funds transfer.

19 Before August 1 of each year beginning in 1993, the  
20 Department shall notify all taxpayers required to make  
21 payments by electronic funds transfer. All taxpayers required  
22 to make payments by electronic funds transfer shall make those  
23 payments for a minimum of one year beginning on October 1.

24 Any taxpayer not required to make payments by electronic  
25 funds transfer may make payments by electronic funds transfer  
26 with the permission of the Department.

1 All taxpayers required to make payment by electronic funds  
2 transfer and any taxpayers authorized to voluntarily make  
3 payments by electronic funds transfer shall make those  
4 payments in the manner authorized by the Department.

5 The Department shall adopt such rules as are necessary to  
6 effectuate a program of electronic funds transfer and the  
7 requirements of this Section.

8 Before October 1, 2000, if the taxpayer's average monthly  
9 tax liability to the Department under this Act, the Retailers'  
10 Occupation Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the  
11 Service Use Tax Act was \$10,000 or more during the preceding 4  
12 complete calendar quarters, he shall file a return with the  
13 Department each month by the 20th day of the month next  
14 following the month during which such tax liability is  
15 incurred and shall make payments to the Department on or  
16 before the 7th, 15th, 22nd and last day of the month during  
17 which such liability is incurred. On and after October 1,  
18 2000, if the taxpayer's average monthly tax liability to the  
19 Department under this Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
20 the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Service Use Tax Act was  
21 \$20,000 or more during the preceding 4 complete calendar  
22 quarters, he shall file a return with the Department each  
23 month by the 20th day of the month next following the month  
24 during which such tax liability is incurred and shall make  
25 payment to the Department on or before the 7th, 15th, 22nd and  
26 last day of the month during which such liability is incurred.

1 If the month during which such tax liability is incurred began  
2 prior to January 1, 1985, each payment shall be in an amount  
3 equal to 1/4 of the taxpayer's actual liability for the month  
4 or an amount set by the Department not to exceed 1/4 of the  
5 average monthly liability of the taxpayer to the Department  
6 for the preceding 4 complete calendar quarters (excluding the  
7 month of highest liability and the month of lowest liability  
8 in such 4 quarter period). If the month during which such tax  
9 liability is incurred begins on or after January 1, 1985, and  
10 prior to January 1, 1987, each payment shall be in an amount  
11 equal to 22.5% of the taxpayer's actual liability for the  
12 month or 27.5% of the taxpayer's liability for the same  
13 calendar month of the preceding year. If the month during  
14 which such tax liability is incurred begins on or after  
15 January 1, 1987, and prior to January 1, 1988, each payment  
16 shall be in an amount equal to 22.5% of the taxpayer's actual  
17 liability for the month or 26.25% of the taxpayer's liability  
18 for the same calendar month of the preceding year. If the month  
19 during which such tax liability is incurred begins on or after  
20 January 1, 1988, and prior to January 1, 1989, or begins on or  
21 after January 1, 1996, each payment shall be in an amount equal  
22 to 22.5% of the taxpayer's actual liability for the month or  
23 25% of the taxpayer's liability for the same calendar month of  
24 the preceding year. If the month during which such tax  
25 liability is incurred begins on or after January 1, 1989, and  
26 prior to January 1, 1996, each payment shall be in an amount

1 equal to 22.5% of the taxpayer's actual liability for the  
2 month or 25% of the taxpayer's liability for the same calendar  
3 month of the preceding year or 100% of the taxpayer's actual  
4 liability for the quarter monthly reporting period. The amount  
5 of such quarter monthly payments shall be credited against the  
6 final tax liability of the taxpayer's return for that month.  
7 Before October 1, 2000, once applicable, the requirement of  
8 the making of quarter monthly payments to the Department shall  
9 continue until such taxpayer's average monthly liability to  
10 the Department during the preceding 4 complete calendar  
11 quarters (excluding the month of highest liability and the  
12 month of lowest liability) is less than \$9,000, or until such  
13 taxpayer's average monthly liability to the Department as  
14 computed for each calendar quarter of the 4 preceding complete  
15 calendar quarter period is less than \$10,000. However, if a  
16 taxpayer can show the Department that a substantial change in  
17 the taxpayer's business has occurred which causes the taxpayer  
18 to anticipate that his average monthly tax liability for the  
19 reasonably foreseeable future will fall below the \$10,000  
20 threshold stated above, then such taxpayer may petition the  
21 Department for change in such taxpayer's reporting status. On  
22 and after October 1, 2000, once applicable, the requirement of  
23 the making of quarter monthly payments to the Department shall  
24 continue until such taxpayer's average monthly liability to  
25 the Department during the preceding 4 complete calendar  
26 quarters (excluding the month of highest liability and the

1 month of lowest liability) is less than \$19,000 or until such  
2 taxpayer's average monthly liability to the Department as  
3 computed for each calendar quarter of the 4 preceding complete  
4 calendar quarter period is less than \$20,000. However, if a  
5 taxpayer can show the Department that a substantial change in  
6 the taxpayer's business has occurred which causes the taxpayer  
7 to anticipate that his average monthly tax liability for the  
8 reasonably foreseeable future will fall below the \$20,000  
9 threshold stated above, then such taxpayer may petition the  
10 Department for a change in such taxpayer's reporting status.  
11 The Department shall change such taxpayer's reporting status  
12 unless it finds that such change is seasonal in nature and not  
13 likely to be long term. Quarter monthly payment status shall  
14 be determined under this paragraph as if the rate reduction to  
15 1.25% in Public Act 102-700 on sales tax holiday items had not  
16 occurred. For quarter monthly payments due on or after July 1,  
17 2023 and through June 30, 2024, "25% of the taxpayer's  
18 liability for the same calendar month of the preceding year"  
19 shall be determined as if the rate reduction to 1.25% in Public  
20 Act 102-700 on sales tax holiday items had not occurred.  
21 Quarter monthly payment status shall be determined under this  
22 paragraph as if the rate reduction to 0% in Public Act 102-700  
23 on food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the  
24 premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages,  
25 food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft  
26 drinks, and food that has been prepared for immediate

1 consumption) had not occurred. For quarter monthly payments  
2 due under this paragraph on or after July 1, 2023 and through  
3 June 30, 2024, "25% of the taxpayer's liability for the same  
4 calendar month of the preceding year" shall be determined as  
5 if the rate reduction to 0% in Public Act 102-700 had not  
6 occurred. If any such quarter monthly payment is not paid at  
7 the time or in the amount required by this Section, then the  
8 taxpayer shall be liable for penalties and interest on the  
9 difference between the minimum amount due and the amount of  
10 such quarter monthly payment actually and timely paid, except  
11 insofar as the taxpayer has previously made payments for that  
12 month to the Department in excess of the minimum payments  
13 previously due as provided in this Section. The Department  
14 shall make reasonable rules and regulations to govern the  
15 quarter monthly payment amount and quarter monthly payment  
16 dates for taxpayers who file on other than a calendar monthly  
17 basis.

18 If any such payment provided for in this Section exceeds  
19 the taxpayer's liabilities under this Act, the Retailers'  
20 Occupation Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act and the  
21 Service Use Tax Act, as shown by an original monthly return,  
22 the Department shall issue to the taxpayer a credit memorandum  
23 no later than 30 days after the date of payment, which  
24 memorandum may be submitted by the taxpayer to the Department  
25 in payment of tax liability subsequently to be remitted by the  
26 taxpayer to the Department or be assigned by the taxpayer to a

1 similar taxpayer under this Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
2 Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act or the Service Use Tax Act,  
3 in accordance with reasonable rules and regulations to be  
4 prescribed by the Department, except that if such excess  
5 payment is shown on an original monthly return and is made  
6 after December 31, 1986, no credit memorandum shall be issued,  
7 unless requested by the taxpayer. If no such request is made,  
8 the taxpayer may credit such excess payment against tax  
9 liability subsequently to be remitted by the taxpayer to the  
10 Department under this Act, the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
11 the Service Occupation Tax Act or the Service Use Tax Act, in  
12 accordance with reasonable rules and regulations prescribed by  
13 the Department. If the Department subsequently determines that  
14 all or any part of the credit taken was not actually due to the  
15 taxpayer, the taxpayer's vendor's discount shall be reduced,  
16 if necessary, to reflect the difference between the credit  
17 taken and that actually due, and the taxpayer shall be liable  
18 for penalties and interest on such difference.

19 If the retailer is otherwise required to file a monthly  
20 return and if the retailer's average monthly tax liability to  
21 the Department does not exceed \$200, the Department may  
22 authorize his returns to be filed on a quarter annual basis,  
23 with the return for January, February, and March of a given  
24 year being due by April 20 of such year; with the return for  
25 April, May and June of a given year being due by July 20 of  
26 such year; with the return for July, August and September of a

1 given year being due by October 20 of such year, and with the  
2 return for October, November and December of a given year  
3 being due by January 20 of the following year.

4 If the retailer is otherwise required to file a monthly or  
5 quarterly return and if the retailer's average monthly tax  
6 liability to the Department does not exceed \$50, the  
7 Department may authorize his returns to be filed on an annual  
8 basis, with the return for a given year being due by January 20  
9 of the following year.

10 Such quarter annual and annual returns, as to form and  
11 substance, shall be subject to the same requirements as  
12 monthly returns.

13 Notwithstanding any other provision in this Act concerning  
14 the time within which a retailer may file his return, in the  
15 case of any retailer who ceases to engage in a kind of business  
16 which makes him responsible for filing returns under this Act,  
17 such retailer shall file a final return under this Act with the  
18 Department not more than one month after discontinuing such  
19 business.

20 In addition, with respect to motor vehicles, watercraft,  
21 aircraft, and trailers that are required to be registered with  
22 an agency of this State, except as otherwise provided in this  
23 Section, every retailer selling this kind of tangible personal  
24 property shall file, with the Department, upon a form to be  
25 prescribed and supplied by the Department, a separate return  
26 for each such item of tangible personal property which the

1 retailer sells, except that if, in the same transaction, (i) a  
2 retailer of aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicles or trailers  
3 transfers more than one aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicle or  
4 trailer to another aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicle or  
5 trailer retailer for the purpose of resale or (ii) a retailer  
6 of aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicles, or trailers transfers  
7 more than one aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicle, or trailer  
8 to a purchaser for use as a qualifying rolling stock as  
9 provided in Section 3-55 of this Act, then that seller may  
10 report the transfer of all the aircraft, watercraft, motor  
11 vehicles or trailers involved in that transaction to the  
12 Department on the same uniform invoice-transaction reporting  
13 return form. For purposes of this Section, "watercraft" means  
14 a Class 2, Class 3, or Class 4 watercraft as defined in Section  
15 3-2 of the Boat Registration and Safety Act, a personal  
16 watercraft, or any boat equipped with an inboard motor.

17 In addition, with respect to motor vehicles, watercraft,  
18 aircraft, and trailers that are required to be registered with  
19 an agency of this State, every person who is engaged in the  
20 business of leasing or renting such items and who, in  
21 connection with such business, sells any such item to a  
22 retailer for the purpose of resale is, notwithstanding any  
23 other provision of this Section to the contrary, authorized to  
24 meet the return-filing requirement of this Act by reporting  
25 the transfer of all the aircraft, watercraft, motor vehicles,  
26 or trailers transferred for resale during a month to the

1 Department on the same uniform invoice-transaction reporting  
2 return form on or before the 20th of the month following the  
3 month in which the transfer takes place. Notwithstanding any  
4 other provision of this Act to the contrary, all returns filed  
5 under this paragraph must be filed by electronic means in the  
6 manner and form as required by the Department.

7 The transaction reporting return in the case of motor  
8 vehicles or trailers that are required to be registered with  
9 an agency of this State, shall be the same document as the  
10 Uniform Invoice referred to in Section 5-402 of the Illinois  
11 Vehicle Code and must show the name and address of the seller;  
12 the name and address of the purchaser; the amount of the  
13 selling price including the amount allowed by the retailer for  
14 traded-in property, if any; the amount allowed by the retailer  
15 for the traded-in tangible personal property, if any, to the  
16 extent to which Section 2 of this Act allows an exemption for  
17 the value of traded-in property; the balance payable after  
18 deducting such trade-in allowance from the total selling  
19 price; the amount of tax due from the retailer with respect to  
20 such transaction; the amount of tax collected from the  
21 purchaser by the retailer on such transaction (or satisfactory  
22 evidence that such tax is not due in that particular instance,  
23 if that is claimed to be the fact); the place and date of the  
24 sale; a sufficient identification of the property sold; such  
25 other information as is required in Section 5-402 of the  
26 Illinois Vehicle Code, and such other information as the

1 Department may reasonably require.

2 The transaction reporting return in the case of watercraft  
3 and aircraft must show the name and address of the seller; the  
4 name and address of the purchaser; the amount of the selling  
5 price including the amount allowed by the retailer for  
6 traded-in property, if any; the amount allowed by the retailer  
7 for the traded-in tangible personal property, if any, to the  
8 extent to which Section 2 of this Act allows an exemption for  
9 the value of traded-in property; the balance payable after  
10 deducting such trade-in allowance from the total selling  
11 price; the amount of tax due from the retailer with respect to  
12 such transaction; the amount of tax collected from the  
13 purchaser by the retailer on such transaction (or satisfactory  
14 evidence that such tax is not due in that particular instance,  
15 if that is claimed to be the fact); the place and date of the  
16 sale, a sufficient identification of the property sold, and  
17 such other information as the Department may reasonably  
18 require.

19 Such transaction reporting return shall be filed not later  
20 than 20 days after the date of delivery of the item that is  
21 being sold, but may be filed by the retailer at any time sooner  
22 than that if he chooses to do so. The transaction reporting  
23 return and tax remittance or proof of exemption from the tax  
24 that is imposed by this Act may be transmitted to the  
25 Department by way of the State agency with which, or State  
26 officer with whom, the tangible personal property must be

1 titled or registered (if titling or registration is required)  
2 if the Department and such agency or State officer determine  
3 that this procedure will expedite the processing of  
4 applications for title or registration.

5 With each such transaction reporting return, the retailer  
6 shall remit the proper amount of tax due (or shall submit  
7 satisfactory evidence that the sale is not taxable if that is  
8 the case), to the Department or its agents, whereupon the  
9 Department shall issue, in the purchaser's name, a tax receipt  
10 (or a certificate of exemption if the Department is satisfied  
11 that the particular sale is tax exempt) which such purchaser  
12 may submit to the agency with which, or State officer with  
13 whom, he must title or register the tangible personal property  
14 that is involved (if titling or registration is required) in  
15 support of such purchaser's application for an Illinois  
16 certificate or other evidence of title or registration to such  
17 tangible personal property.

18 No retailer's failure or refusal to remit tax under this  
19 Act precludes a user, who has paid the proper tax to the  
20 retailer, from obtaining his certificate of title or other  
21 evidence of title or registration (if titling or registration  
22 is required) upon satisfying the Department that such user has  
23 paid the proper tax (if tax is due) to the retailer. The  
24 Department shall adopt appropriate rules to carry out the  
25 mandate of this paragraph.

26 If the user who would otherwise pay tax to the retailer

1 wants the transaction reporting return filed and the payment  
2 of tax or proof of exemption made to the Department before the  
3 retailer is willing to take these actions and such user has not  
4 paid the tax to the retailer, such user may certify to the fact  
5 of such delay by the retailer, and may (upon the Department  
6 being satisfied of the truth of such certification) transmit  
7 the information required by the transaction reporting return  
8 and the remittance for tax or proof of exemption directly to  
9 the Department and obtain his tax receipt or exemption  
10 determination, in which event the transaction reporting return  
11 and tax remittance (if a tax payment was required) shall be  
12 credited by the Department to the proper retailer's account  
13 with the Department, but without the vendor's discount  
14 provided for in this Section being allowed. When the user pays  
15 the tax directly to the Department, he shall pay the tax in the  
16 same amount and in the same form in which it would be remitted  
17 if the tax had been remitted to the Department by the retailer.

18 On and after January 1, 2025, with respect to the lease of  
19 trailers, other than semitrailers as defined in Section 1-187  
20 of the Illinois Vehicle Code, that are required to be  
21 registered with an agency of this State and that are subject to  
22 the tax on lease receipts under this Act, notwithstanding any  
23 other provision of this Act to the contrary, for the purpose of  
24 reporting and paying tax under this Act on those lease  
25 receipts, lessors shall file returns in addition to and  
26 separate from the transaction reporting return. Lessors shall

1 file those lease returns and make payment to the Department by  
2 electronic means on or before the 20th day of each month  
3 following the month, quarter, or year, as applicable, in which  
4 lease receipts were received. All lease receipts received by  
5 the lessor from the lease of those trailers during the same  
6 reporting period shall be reported and tax shall be paid on a  
7 single return form to be prescribed by the Department.

8 Where a retailer collects the tax with respect to the  
9 selling price of tangible personal property which he sells and  
10 the purchaser thereafter returns such tangible personal  
11 property and the retailer refunds the selling price thereof to  
12 the purchaser, such retailer shall also refund, to the  
13 purchaser, the tax so collected from the purchaser. When  
14 filing his return for the period in which he refunds such tax  
15 to the purchaser, the retailer may deduct the amount of the tax  
16 so refunded by him to the purchaser from any other use tax  
17 which such retailer may be required to pay or remit to the  
18 Department, as shown by such return, if the amount of the tax  
19 to be deducted was previously remitted to the Department by  
20 such retailer. If the retailer has not previously remitted the  
21 amount of such tax to the Department, he is entitled to no  
22 deduction under this Act upon refunding such tax to the  
23 purchaser.

24 Any retailer filing a return under this Section shall also  
25 include (for the purpose of paying tax thereon) the total tax  
26 covered by such return upon the selling price of tangible

1 personal property purchased by him at retail from a retailer,  
2 but as to which the tax imposed by this Act was not collected  
3 from the retailer filing such return, and such retailer shall  
4 remit the amount of such tax to the Department when filing such  
5 return.

6 If experience indicates such action to be practicable, the  
7 Department may prescribe and furnish a combination or joint  
8 return which will enable retailers, who are required to file  
9 returns hereunder and also under the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
10 Act, to furnish all the return information required by both  
11 Acts on the one form.

12 Where the retailer has more than one business registered  
13 with the Department under separate registration under this  
14 Act, such retailer may not file each return that is due as a  
15 single return covering all such registered businesses, but  
16 shall file separate returns for each such registered business.

17 Beginning January 1, 1990, each month the Department shall  
18 pay into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, a special  
19 fund in the State treasury which is hereby created, the net  
20 revenue realized for the preceding month from the 1% tax  
21 imposed under this Act.

22 Beginning January 1, 1990, each month the Department shall  
23 pay into the County and Mass Transit District Fund 4% of the  
24 net revenue realized for the preceding month from the 6.25%  
25 general rate on the selling price of tangible personal  
26 property which is purchased outside Illinois at retail from a

1 retailer and which is titled or registered by an agency of this  
2 State's government.

3 Beginning January 1, 1990, each month the Department shall  
4 pay into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, a special  
5 fund in the State treasury, 20% of the net revenue realized for  
6 the preceding month from the 6.25% general rate on the selling  
7 price of tangible personal property, other than (i) tangible  
8 personal property which is purchased outside Illinois at  
9 retail from a retailer and which is titled or registered by an  
10 agency of this State's government and (ii) aviation fuel sold  
11 on or after December 1, 2019. This exception for aviation fuel  
12 only applies for so long as the revenue use requirements of 49  
13 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the State.

14 For aviation fuel sold on or after December 1, 2019, each  
15 month the Department shall pay into the State Aviation Program  
16 Fund 20% of the net revenue realized for the preceding month  
17 from the 6.25% general rate on the selling price of aviation  
18 fuel, less an amount estimated by the Department to be  
19 required for refunds of the 20% portion of the tax on aviation  
20 fuel under this Act, which amount shall be deposited into the  
21 Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Refund Fund. The Department shall only  
22 pay moneys into the State Aviation Program Fund and the  
23 Aviation Fuels Sales Tax Refund Fund under this Act for so long  
24 as the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49  
25 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the State.

26 Beginning August 1, 2000, each month the Department shall

1 pay into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund 100% of the  
2 net revenue realized for the preceding month from the 1.25%  
3 rate on the selling price of motor fuel and gasohol. If, in any  
4 month, the tax on sales tax holiday items, as defined in  
5 Section 3-6, is imposed at the rate of 1.25%, then the  
6 Department shall pay 100% of the net revenue realized for that  
7 month from the 1.25% rate on the selling price of sales tax  
8 holiday items into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund.

9 Beginning January 1, 1990, each month the Department shall  
10 pay into the Local Government Tax Fund 16% of the net revenue  
11 realized for the preceding month from the 6.25% general rate  
12 on the selling price of tangible personal property which is  
13 purchased outside Illinois at retail from a retailer and which  
14 is titled or registered by an agency of this State's  
15 government.

16 Beginning October 1, 2009, each month the Department shall  
17 pay into the Capital Projects Fund an amount that is equal to  
18 an amount estimated by the Department to represent 80% of the  
19 net revenue realized for the preceding month from the sale of  
20 candy, grooming and hygiene products, and soft drinks that had  
21 been taxed at a rate of 1% prior to September 1, 2009 but that  
22 are now taxed at 6.25%.

23 Beginning July 1, 2011, each month the Department shall  
24 pay into the Clean Air Act Permit Fund 80% of the net revenue  
25 realized for the preceding month from the 6.25% general rate  
26 on the selling price of sorbents used in Illinois in the

1 process of sorbent injection as used to comply with the  
2 Environmental Protection Act or the federal Clean Air Act, but  
3 the total payment into the Clean Air Act Permit Fund under this  
4 Act and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act shall not exceed  
5 \$2,000,000 in any fiscal year.

6 Beginning July 1, 2013, each month the Department shall  
7 pay into the Underground Storage Tank Fund from the proceeds  
8 collected under this Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the Service  
9 Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act an  
10 amount equal to the average monthly deficit in the Underground  
11 Storage Tank Fund during the prior year, as certified annually  
12 by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, but the total  
13 payment into the Underground Storage Tank Fund under this Act,  
14 the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and  
15 the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act shall not exceed \$18,000,000  
16 in any State fiscal year. As used in this paragraph, the  
17 "average monthly deficit" shall be equal to the difference  
18 between the average monthly claims for payment by the fund and  
19 the average monthly revenues deposited into the fund,  
20 excluding payments made pursuant to this paragraph.

21 Beginning July 1, 2015, of the remainder of the moneys  
22 received by the Department under this Act, the Service Use Tax  
23 Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers'  
24 Occupation Tax Act, each month the Department shall deposit  
25 \$500,000 into the State Crime Laboratory Fund.

26 Of the remainder of the moneys received by the Department

1 pursuant to this Act, (a) 1.75% thereof shall be paid into the  
2 Build Illinois Fund and (b) prior to July 1, 1989, 2.2% and on  
3 and after July 1, 1989, 3.8% thereof shall be paid into the  
4 Build Illinois Fund; provided, however, that if in any fiscal  
5 year the sum of (1) the aggregate of 2.2% or 3.8%, as the case  
6 may be, of the moneys received by the Department and required  
7 to be paid into the Build Illinois Fund pursuant to Section 3  
8 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, Section 9 of the Use Tax  
9 Act, Section 9 of the Service Use Tax Act, and Section 9 of the  
10 Service Occupation Tax Act, such Acts being hereinafter called  
11 the "Tax Acts" and such aggregate of 2.2% or 3.8%, as the case  
12 may be, of moneys being hereinafter called the "Tax Act  
13 Amount", and (2) the amount transferred to the Build Illinois  
14 Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall be  
15 less than the Annual Specified Amount (as defined in Section 3  
16 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act), an amount equal to the  
17 difference shall be immediately paid into the Build Illinois  
18 Fund from other moneys received by the Department pursuant to  
19 the Tax Acts; and further provided, that if on the last  
20 business day of any month the sum of (1) the Tax Act Amount  
21 required to be deposited into the Build Illinois Bond Account  
22 in the Build Illinois Fund during such month and (2) the amount  
23 transferred during such month to the Build Illinois Fund from  
24 the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall have been less  
25 than 1/12 of the Annual Specified Amount, an amount equal to  
26 the difference shall be immediately paid into the Build

1 Illinois Fund from other moneys received by the Department  
2 pursuant to the Tax Acts; and, further provided, that in no  
3 event shall the payments required under the preceding proviso  
4 result in aggregate payments into the Build Illinois Fund  
5 pursuant to this clause (b) for any fiscal year in excess of  
6 the greater of (i) the Tax Act Amount or (ii) the Annual  
7 Specified Amount for such fiscal year; and, further provided,  
8 that the amounts payable into the Build Illinois Fund under  
9 this clause (b) shall be payable only until such time as the  
10 aggregate amount on deposit under each trust indenture  
11 securing Bonds issued and outstanding pursuant to the Build  
12 Illinois Bond Act is sufficient, taking into account any  
13 future investment income, to fully provide, in accordance with  
14 such indenture, for the defeasance of or the payment of the  
15 principal of, premium, if any, and interest on the Bonds  
16 secured by such indenture and on any Bonds expected to be  
17 issued thereafter and all fees and costs payable with respect  
18 thereto, all as certified by the Director of the Bureau of the  
19 Budget (now Governor's Office of Management and Budget). If on  
20 the last business day of any month in which Bonds are  
21 outstanding pursuant to the Build Illinois Bond Act, the  
22 aggregate of the moneys deposited into the Build Illinois Bond  
23 Account in the Build Illinois Fund in such month shall be less  
24 than the amount required to be transferred in such month from  
25 the Build Illinois Bond Account to the Build Illinois Bond  
26 Retirement and Interest Fund pursuant to Section 13 of the

1 Build Illinois Bond Act, an amount equal to such deficiency  
2 shall be immediately paid from other moneys received by the  
3 Department pursuant to the Tax Acts to the Build Illinois  
4 Fund; provided, however, that any amounts paid to the Build  
5 Illinois Fund in any fiscal year pursuant to this sentence  
6 shall be deemed to constitute payments pursuant to clause (b)  
7 of the preceding sentence and shall reduce the amount  
8 otherwise payable for such fiscal year pursuant to clause (b)  
9 of the preceding sentence. The moneys received by the  
10 Department pursuant to this Act and required to be deposited  
11 into the Build Illinois Fund are subject to the pledge, claim  
12 and charge set forth in Section 12 of the Build Illinois Bond  
13 Act.

14 Subject to payment of amounts into the Build Illinois Fund  
15 as provided in the preceding paragraph or in any amendment  
16 thereto hereafter enacted, the following specified monthly  
17 installment of the amount requested in the certificate of the  
18 Chairman of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition Authority  
19 provided under Section 8.25f of the State Finance Act, but not  
20 in excess of the sums designated as "Total Deposit", shall be  
21 deposited in the aggregate from collections under Section 9 of  
22 the Use Tax Act, Section 9 of the Service Use Tax Act, Section  
23 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act, and Section 3 of the  
24 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act into the McCormick Place  
25 Expansion Project Fund in the specified fiscal years.

26 Fiscal Year Total Deposit

1	1993	\$0
2	1994	53,000,000
3	1995	58,000,000
4	1996	61,000,000
5	1997	64,000,000
6	1998	68,000,000
7	1999	71,000,000
8	2000	75,000,000
9	2001	80,000,000
10	2002	93,000,000
11	2003	99,000,000
12	2004	103,000,000
13	2005	108,000,000
14	2006	113,000,000
15	2007	119,000,000
16	2008	126,000,000
17	2009	132,000,000
18	2010	139,000,000
19	2011	146,000,000
20	2012	153,000,000
21	2013	161,000,000
22	2014	170,000,000
23	2015	179,000,000
24	2016	189,000,000
25	2017	199,000,000
26	2018	210,000,000

1	2019	221,000,000
2	2020	233,000,000
3	2021	300,000,000
4	2022	300,000,000
5	2023	300,000,000
6	2024	300,000,000
7	2025	300,000,000
8	2026	300,000,000
9	2027	375,000,000
10	2028	375,000,000
11	2029	375,000,000
12	2030	375,000,000
13	2031	375,000,000
14	2032	375,000,000
15	2033	375,000,000
16	2034	375,000,000
17	2035	375,000,000
18	2036	450,000,000

19                   and  
20                    each fiscal year  
21                   thereafter that bonds  
22                   are outstanding under  
23                   Section 13.2 of the  
24                   Metropolitan Pier and  
25                   Exposition Authority Act,  
26                   but not after fiscal year 2060.

1           Beginning July 20, 1993 and in each month of each fiscal  
2 year thereafter, one-eighth of the amount requested in the  
3 certificate of the Chairman of the Metropolitan Pier and  
4 Exposition Authority for that fiscal year, less the amount  
5 deposited into the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund by  
6 the State Treasurer in the respective month under subsection  
7 (g) of Section 13 of the Metropolitan Pier and Exposition  
8 Authority Act, plus cumulative deficiencies in the deposits  
9 required under this Section for previous months and years,  
10 shall be deposited into the McCormick Place Expansion Project  
11 Fund, until the full amount requested for the fiscal year, but  
12 not in excess of the amount specified above as "Total  
13 Deposit", has been deposited.

14           Subject to payment of amounts into the Capital Projects  
15 Fund, the Clean Air Act Permit Fund, the Build Illinois Fund,  
16 and the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund pursuant to the  
17 preceding paragraphs or in any amendments thereto hereafter  
18 enacted, for aviation fuel sold on or after December 1, 2019,  
19 the Department shall each month deposit into the Aviation Fuel  
20 Sales Tax Refund Fund an amount estimated by the Department to  
21 be required for refunds of the 80% portion of the tax on  
22 aviation fuel under this Act. The Department shall only  
23 deposit moneys into the Aviation Fuel Sales Tax Refund Fund  
24 under this paragraph for so long as the revenue use  
25 requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are  
26 binding on the State.

1           Subject to payment of amounts into the Build Illinois Fund  
2 and the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund pursuant to the  
3 preceding paragraphs or in any amendments thereto hereafter  
4 enacted, beginning July 1, 1993 and ending on September 30,  
5 2013, the Department shall each month pay into the Illinois  
6 Tax Increment Fund 0.27% of 80% of the net revenue realized for  
7 the preceding month from the 6.25% general rate on the selling  
8 price of tangible personal property.

9           Subject to payment of amounts into the Build Illinois  
10 Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund, the Illinois  
11 Tax Increment Fund, and the Energy Infrastructure Fund  
12 pursuant to the preceding paragraphs or in any amendments to  
13 this Section hereafter enacted, beginning on the first day of  
14 the first calendar month to occur on or after August 26, 2014  
15 (the effective date of Public Act 98-1098), each month, from  
16 the collections made under Section 9 of the Use Tax Act,  
17 Section 9 of the Service Use Tax Act, Section 9 of the Service  
18 Occupation Tax Act, and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation  
19 Tax Act, the Department shall pay into the Tax Compliance and  
20 Administration Fund, to be used, subject to appropriation, to  
21 fund additional auditors and compliance personnel at the  
22 Department of Revenue, an amount equal to 1/12 of 5% of 80% of  
23 the cash receipts collected during the preceding fiscal year  
24 by the Audit Bureau of the Department under the Use Tax Act,  
25 the Service Use Tax Act, the Service Occupation Tax Act, the  
26 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and associated local occupation

1 and use taxes administered by the Department.

2 Subject to payments of amounts into the Build Illinois  
3 Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund, the Illinois  
4 Tax Increment Fund, and the Tax Compliance and Administration  
5 Fund as provided in this Section, beginning on July 1, 2018 the  
6 Department shall pay each month into the Downstate Public  
7 Transportation Fund the moneys required to be so paid under  
8 Section 2-3 of the Downstate Public Transportation Act.

9 Subject to successful execution and delivery of a  
10 public-private agreement between the public agency and private  
11 entity and completion of the civic build, beginning on July 1,  
12 2023, of the remainder of the moneys received by the  
13 Department under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the  
14 Service Occupation Tax Act, and this Act, the Department shall  
15 deposit the following specified deposits in the aggregate from  
16 collections under the Use Tax Act, the Service Use Tax Act, the  
17 Service Occupation Tax Act, and the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
18 Act, as required under Section 8.25g of the State Finance Act  
19 for distribution consistent with the Public-Private  
20 Partnership for Civic and Transit Infrastructure Project Act.  
21 The moneys received by the Department pursuant to this Act and  
22 required to be deposited into the Civic and Transit  
23 Infrastructure Fund are subject to the pledge, claim, and  
24 charge set forth in Section 25-55 of the Public-Private  
25 Partnership for Civic and Transit Infrastructure Project Act.  
26 As used in this paragraph, "civic build", "private entity",

1 "public-private agreement", and "public agency" have the  
 2 meanings provided in Section 25-10 of the Public-Private  
 3 Partnership for Civic and Transit Infrastructure Project Act.

4	Fiscal Year.....	Total Deposit
5	2024 .....	\$200,000,000
6	2025 .....	\$206,000,000
7	2026 .....	\$212,200,000
8	2027 .....	\$218,500,000
9	2028 .....	\$225,100,000
10	2029 .....	\$288,700,000
11	2030 .....	\$298,900,000
12	2031 .....	\$309,300,000
13	2032 .....	\$320,100,000
14	2033 .....	\$331,200,000
15	2034 .....	\$341,200,000
16	2035 .....	\$351,400,000
17	2036 .....	\$361,900,000
18	2037 .....	\$372,800,000
19	2038 .....	\$384,000,000
20	2039 .....	\$395,500,000
21	2040 .....	\$407,400,000
22	2041 .....	\$419,600,000
23	2042 .....	\$432,200,000
24	2043 .....	\$445,100,000

25 Beginning July 1, 2021 and until July 1, 2022, subject to  
 26 the payment of amounts into the State and Local Sales Tax

1 Reform Fund, the Build Illinois Fund, the McCormick Place  
2 Expansion Project Fund, the Illinois Tax Increment Fund, and  
3 the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund as provided in this  
4 Section, the Department shall pay each month into the Road  
5 Fund the amount estimated to represent 16% of the net revenue  
6 realized from the taxes imposed on motor fuel and gasohol.  
7 Beginning July 1, 2022 and until July 1, 2023, subject to the  
8 payment of amounts into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform  
9 Fund, the Build Illinois Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion  
10 Project Fund, the Illinois Tax Increment Fund, and the Tax  
11 Compliance and Administration Fund as provided in this  
12 Section, the Department shall pay each month into the Road  
13 Fund the amount estimated to represent 32% of the net revenue  
14 realized from the taxes imposed on motor fuel and gasohol.  
15 Beginning July 1, 2023 and until July 1, 2024, subject to the  
16 payment of amounts into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform  
17 Fund, the Build Illinois Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion  
18 Project Fund, the Illinois Tax Increment Fund, and the Tax  
19 Compliance and Administration Fund as provided in this  
20 Section, the Department shall pay each month into the Road  
21 Fund the amount estimated to represent 48% of the net revenue  
22 realized from the taxes imposed on motor fuel and gasohol.  
23 Beginning July 1, 2024 and until July 1, 2026, subject to the  
24 payment of amounts into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform  
25 Fund, the Build Illinois Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion  
26 Project Fund, the Illinois Tax Increment Fund, and the Tax

1 Compliance and Administration Fund as provided in this  
2 Section, the Department shall pay each month into the Road  
3 Fund the amount estimated to represent 64% of the net revenue  
4 realized from the taxes imposed on motor fuel and gasohol.  
5 Beginning on July 1, 2026, subject to the payment of amounts  
6 into the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund, the Build  
7 Illinois Fund, the McCormick Place Expansion Project Fund, the  
8 Illinois Tax Increment Fund, and the Tax Compliance and  
9 Administration Fund as provided in this Section, the  
10 Department shall pay each month into the Public Transportation  
11 Fund and the Downstate Public Transportation Fund the amount  
12 estimated to represent 80% of the net revenue realized from  
13 the taxes imposed on motor fuel and gasohol. Moneys shall be  
14 apportioned as follows: 85% into the Public Transportation  
15 Fund and 15% into the Downstate Public Transportation Fund.  
16 The amounts to be paid each month into the Public  
17 Transportation Fund and the Downstate Public Transportation  
18 Fund as provided in this paragraph shall be paid and deposited  
19 therein directly by the Department and shall not be held or  
20 subject to transfer from any other fund. As used in this  
21 paragraph, "motor fuel" has the meaning given to that term in  
22 Section 1.1 of the Motor Fuel Tax Law, and "gasohol" has the  
23 meaning given to that term in Section 3-40 of this Act.

24 Until July 1, 2025, of the remainder of the moneys  
25 received by the Department pursuant to this Act, 75% thereof  
26 shall be paid into the State treasury and 25% shall be reserved

1 in a special account and used only for the transfer to the  
2 Common School Fund as part of the monthly transfer from the  
3 General Revenue Fund in accordance with Section 8a of the  
4 State Finance Act. Beginning July 1, 2025, of the remainder of  
5 the moneys received by the Department pursuant to this Act,  
6 75% shall be deposited into the General Revenue Fund and 25%  
7 shall be deposited into the Common School Fund.

8 As soon as possible after the first day of each month, upon  
9 certification of the Department of Revenue, the Comptroller  
10 shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from  
11 the General Revenue Fund to the Motor Fuel Tax Fund an amount  
12 equal to 1.7% of 80% of the net revenue realized under this Act  
13 for the second preceding month. Beginning April 1, 2000, this  
14 transfer is no longer required and shall not be made.

15 Net revenue realized for a month shall be the revenue  
16 collected by the State pursuant to this Act, less the amount  
17 paid out during that month as refunds to taxpayers for  
18 overpayment of liability.

19 For greater simplicity of administration, manufacturers,  
20 importers and wholesalers whose products are sold at retail in  
21 Illinois by numerous retailers, and who wish to do so, may  
22 assume the responsibility for accounting and paying to the  
23 Department all tax accruing under this Act with respect to  
24 such sales, if the retailers who are affected do not make  
25 written objection to the Department to this arrangement.

26 (Source: P.A. 103-154, eff. 6-30-23; 103-363, eff. 7-28-23;

1 103-592, Article 75, Section 75-5, eff. 1-1-25; 103-592,  
2 Article 110, Section 110-5, eff. 6-7-24; 103-1055, eff.  
3 12-20-24; 104-6, Article 5, Section 5-10, eff. 6-16-25; 104-6,  
4 Article 35, Section 35-20, eff. 6-16-25; 104-457, eff.  
5 6-1-26.)

6 Section 30. The People Over Parking Act is amended by  
7 changing Section 5-5 as follows:

8 (50 ILCS 845/5-5)

9 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
10 delayed effective date)

11 Sec. 5-5. Definitions. As used in this Act:

12 "Car-share vehicles" means motor vehicles that are  
13 operated as part of a regional fleet by a public or private  
14 car-sharing company or organization and provide hourly or  
15 daily service.

16 "Commercial development project" means a development  
17 project that is undertaken for the development of land for  
18 commercial use, including residential housing, multi-family  
19 housing, mixed-use housing, and nonresidential commercial  
20 developments.

21 "Development project" means a project undertaken for the  
22 purpose of development of land. "Development project" includes  
23 (i) a project involving the issuance of a permit for  
24 construction or reconstruction, (ii) a housing development

1 project, or (iii) a commercial development project.  
2 "Development project" does not include a project where any  
3 portion is designated for use as a hotel, motel,  
4 bed-and-breakfast inn, or other transient lodging, except  
5 where a portion of a housing development project is designated  
6 for use as a residential hotel.

7 "Efficiency living unit" has the meaning ascribed to that  
8 term in the 2018 International Building Code, Sixth Version  
9 (November 2021).

10 "Elderly housing", "low-income household",  
11 "moderate-income household", "multi-family housing", and "very  
12 low-income household" have the meanings ascribed to those  
13 terms in the Illinois Affordable Housing Act.

14 "Ferry" means a dock, wharf, or similar apparatus that is  
15 served by a regularly scheduled, or on demand, ferry or boat  
16 for passengers and that crosses a river, unfordable stream,  
17 lake, estuary, or bay.

18 "Housing development project" means a development project  
19 consisting of (i) residential units only, (ii) mixed-use  
20 developments consisting of residential and nonresidential uses  
21 with at least two-thirds of the square footage designated for  
22 residential use, or (iii) transitional housing or supportive  
23 housing.

24 "Maximum automobile parking requirements" means any law,  
25 code, or policy that limits a maximum number of off-street,  
26 ~~private~~ parking spaces for new residential and commercial

1 developments.

2 "Minimum automobile parking requirements" means any law,  
3 code, or policy that requires a minimum number of off-street,  
4 ~~private~~ parking spaces for new residential and commercial  
5 developments.

6 "On-street parking" means parking of vehicles on public  
7 streets or thoroughfares located within the physical  
8 boundaries of a municipality.

9 "Public transportation corridor" means a street on which  
10 one or more bus routes have a combined frequency of bus service  
11 interval of 15 minutes or less during the morning and  
12 afternoon peak commute periods.

13 "Public transportation hub" means+ (i) a rail transit  
14 station, (ii) a boat or ferry terminal served by either a bus  
15 stop or rail transit station, and (iii) an intersection of 2 or  
16 more public transportation corridors ~~bus routes with a~~  
17 ~~combined frequency of bus service interval of 15 minutes or~~  
18 ~~less during the morning and afternoon peak commute periods.~~

19 "Rail transit station" means a stop served by regularly  
20 scheduled intercity rail, regional rail, commuter rail, light  
21 rail, or rapid transit service for passengers.

22 "Residential hotel" means any building containing 6 or  
23 more guest rooms or efficiency living units that is used or  
24 intended or designed to be used, rented, hired out, or  
25 occupied for sleeping purposes by guests and that is also the  
26 primary residence of those guests. "Residential hotel" does

1 not include any building containing 6 or more guest rooms or  
2 efficiency living units primarily used by transient guests who  
3 do not occupy the building as their primary residence.

4 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

5 Section 35. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is  
6 amended by changing Sections 15, 19.5, 27, 28, 28d, and 33.10  
7 as follows:

8 (70 ILCS 3605/15) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 315)

9 Sec. 15. To the extent permitted by the Northern Illinois  
10 Transit Authority ~~Act~~, the Authority shall have power to apply  
11 for and accept grants and loans from the Federal Government or  
12 any agency or instrumentality thereof, from the State, or from  
13 any county, municipal corporation or other political  
14 subdivision of the State to be used for any of the purposes of  
15 the Authority, including, but not by way of limitation, grants  
16 and loans in aid of mass transportation and for studies in mass  
17 transportation, and may provide matching funds when necessary  
18 to qualify for such grants or loans. The Authority may enter  
19 into any agreement with the Federal Government, the State, and  
20 any county, municipal corporation or other political  
21 subdivision of the State in relation to such grants or loans;  
22 provided that such agreement does not conflict with any of the  
23 provisions of any trust agreement securing the payment of  
24 bonds or certificates of the Authority.

1           The Authority may also accept from the State, or from any  
2 county or other political subdivision, or from any municipal  
3 corporation, or school district, or school authorities, grants  
4 or other funds authorized by law to be paid to the Authority  
5 for any of the purposes of this Act.

6           (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

7           (70 ILCS 3605/19.5)

8           (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
9 delayed effective date)

10          Sec. 19.5. Chicago Transit Board.

11          (a) The governing body of the Chicago Transit Authority  
12 shall be the Chicago Transit Board. Beginning September 1,  
13 2026, the Board shall consist of 7 members appointed as  
14 follows:

15                 (1) Two members appointed by the Governor, with the  
16 advice and consent of the Senate, including:

17                         (A) a member with an initial term of 5 years who  
18 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois  
19 Transit Authority; and

20                         (B) a member with an initial term of 3 years.

21                 (2) Three members appointed by the Mayor of Chicago,  
22 with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City  
23 of Chicago, including:

24                         (A) a member with an initial term of 3 years who  
25 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois

1 Transit Authority;

2 (B) a member with an initial term of 5 years who  
3 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois  
4 Transit Authority; and

5 (C) a member with an initial term of 3 years.

6 (3) Two members appointed by the President of the Cook  
7 County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent  
8 of the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including:

9 (A) a member with an initial term of 3 years who  
10 shall serve as a member of the Northern Illinois  
11 Transit Authority; and

12 (B) a member with an initial term of 5 years.

13 (b) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under  
14 subsection (a) shall be 5 years.

15 (c) The Chair of the Board shall be elected by a majority  
16 vote by the members of the Board from among the members of the  
17 Board. Until September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Board must be  
18 approved by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the  
19 members of the Board elect a Chair of the Board, then the  
20 elected Chair of the Board may serve as ~~a~~ the acting Chair of  
21 the Board until confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the  
22 Senate votes against confirming the acting Chair of the Board,  
23 then the acting Chair of the Board must resign and the members  
24 of the Board must elect a new Chair of the Board.

25 (d) Initial appointments of members under subsection (a)  
26 must be made in time for the members to begin their terms on

1 September 1, 2026.

2 (e) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all members serving  
3 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
4 General Assembly, and of any members appointed to fill a  
5 vacancy, shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board  
6 occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be  
7 filled under Section 21. Members serving on the effective date  
8 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may be  
9 reappointed under subsection (a).

10 (f) The members of the Board shall receive an annual  
11 salary of \$15,000, except that members of the Board who are  
12 also members of the Board of the Northern Illinois Transit  
13 Authority shall receive \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ per year in addition to  
14 the compensation the members receive for serving on the Board  
15 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority.

16 (g) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant  
17 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,  
18 operation, and funding of a transit agency ~~regional~~  
19 ~~transportation~~ system, including, but not limited to,  
20 backgrounds in urban and regional planning, management of  
21 large capital projects, labor and workforce development,  
22 business management, public administration, transportation,  
23 and community organizations. Except as otherwise provided by  
24 this Act, a director, while serving as such, shall not be an  
25 officer, member of the board of directors or board of  
26 trustees, or employee of any Service Board or transportation

1 agency, shall not be an employee of the State of Illinois or  
2 any department or agency thereof or any municipality, county,  
3 or any other unit of local government, and shall not receive  
4 any compensation from any elected or appointed office under  
5 the Constitution or laws of this State, except that a Director  
6 may be a member of a school board or a member of the National  
7 Guard.

8 (h) Those responsible for appointing Directors shall  
9 strive to assemble a set of Directors that, to the greatest  
10 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,  
11 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

13 (70 ILCS 3605/27) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 327)

14 Sec. 27. The Board may appoint an Executive Director with  
15 the advice and consent of the Board of the Northern Illinois  
16 Transit Authority. The Executive Director shall have  
17 demonstrated experience with one or more of the following  
18 areas: (i) public transportation system operations; (ii)  
19 infrastructure capital project management; or (iii) legal or  
20 human resource management for a public agency. The Executive  
21 Director shall also meet any qualifications that may be set,  
22 by ordinance, by the Northern Illinois Transit Authority. The  
23 Chair of the Board of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
24 and the Executive Director of the Northern Illinois Transit  
25 Authority shall be included in the process for choosing the

1 Executive Director of the Authority, including membership in  
2 any search committee. The Executive Director shall be a person  
3 of recognized ability and experience in the operation of  
4 transportation systems and shall hold office during the  
5 pleasure of the Board. The Executive Director shall have  
6 management of the properties and business of the Authority and  
7 the employees thereof, subject to the general control of the  
8 Board, shall direct the enforcement of all ordinances,  
9 resolutions, rules, and regulations of the Board, and shall  
10 perform such other duties and powers as may be prescribed from  
11 time to time by the Board of the Northern Illinois Transit  
12 Authority in an ordinance describing the position's role,  
13 powers, and responsibilities. The Board may appoint a General  
14 Counsel and a Chief Engineer, and shall provide for the  
15 appointment of other officers, attorneys, engineers,  
16 consultants, agents and employees as may be necessary for the  
17 construction, extension, operation, maintenance, and policing  
18 of its properties. It shall define their duties and require  
19 bonds of such of them as the Board may designate. The Executive  
20 Director, General Counsel, Chief Engineer, and all other  
21 officers provided for pursuant to this section shall be exempt  
22 from taking and subscribing to any oath of office. The  
23 compensation of the Executive Director, General Counsel, Chief  
24 Engineer, and all other officers, attorneys, consultants,  
25 agents and employees shall be fixed by the Board.

26 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1 (70 ILCS 3605/28) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 328)

2 Sec. 28. The Board shall classify all the offices,  
3 positions and grades of regular and exempt employment  
4 required, excepting that of the Chairman of the Board, the  
5 Executive Director, Secretary, Treasurer, General Counsel, and  
6 Chief Engineer, with reference to the duties, job title, job  
7 schedule number, and the compensation fixed therefor, and  
8 adopt rules governing appointments to any of such offices or  
9 positions on the basis of merit and efficiency. The job title  
10 shall be generally descriptive of the duties performed in that  
11 job, and the job schedule number shall be used to identify a  
12 job title and to further classify positions within a job  
13 title. ~~No unlawful discrimination, as defined and prohibited~~  
14 ~~in the Illinois Human Rights Act, shall be made in any term or~~  
15 ~~aspect of employment. There shall not be discrimination based~~  
16 ~~upon political reasons or factors.~~ No officer or employee in  
17 regular employment shall be discharged or demoted except for  
18 cause which is detrimental to the service. Any officer or  
19 employee in regular employment who is discharged or demoted  
20 may file a complaint in writing with the Board within ten days  
21 after notice of his or her discharge or demotion. If an  
22 employee is a member of a labor organization the complaint may  
23 be filed by such organization for and on behalf of such  
24 employee. The Board shall grant a hearing on such complaint  
25 within thirty (30) days after it is filed. The time and place

1 of the hearing shall be fixed by the Board and due notice  
2 thereof given to the complainant, the labor organization by or  
3 through which the complaint was filed and the Executive  
4 Director. The hearing shall be conducted by the Board, or any  
5 member thereof or any officers' committee or employees'  
6 committee appointed by the Board. The complainant may be  
7 represented by counsel. If the Board finds, or approves a  
8 finding of the member or committee appointed by the Board,  
9 that the complainant has been unjustly discharged or demoted,  
10 he or she shall be restored to his or her office or position  
11 with back pay. The decision of the Board shall be final and not  
12 subject to review. The Board may designate such offices,  
13 positions, and grades of employment as exempt as it deems  
14 necessary for the efficient operation of the business of the  
15 Authority. The total number of employees occupying exempt  
16 offices, positions, or grades of employment may not exceed 3%  
17 of the total employment of the Authority. All exempt offices,  
18 positions, and grades of employment shall be at will. No  
19 unlawful discrimination, as defined and prohibited in the  
20 Illinois Human Rights Act, shall be made in any term or aspect  
21 of employment. There shall not be discrimination based upon  
22 political reasons or factors. The Board may abolish any vacant  
23 or occupied office or position. Additionally, the Board may  
24 reduce the force of employees for lack of work or lack of funds  
25 as determined by the Board. When the number of positions or  
26 employees holding positions of regular employment within a

1 particular job title and job schedule number are reduced,  
2 those employees with the least company seniority in that job  
3 title and job schedule number shall be first released from  
4 regular employment service. For a period of one year, an  
5 employee released from service shall be eligible for  
6 reinstatement to the job title and job schedule number from  
7 which he or she was released, in order of company seniority, if  
8 additional force of employees is required. "Company seniority"  
9 as used in this Section means the overall employment service  
10 credited to an employee by the Authority since the employee's  
11 most recent date of hire irrespective of job titles held. If 2  
12 or more employees have the same company seniority date, time  
13 in the affected job title and job schedule number shall be used  
14 to break the company seniority tie. For purposes of this  
15 Section, company seniority shall be considered a working  
16 condition. When employees are represented by a labor  
17 organization that has a labor agreement with the Authority,  
18 the wages, hours, and working conditions (including, but not  
19 limited to, seniority rights) shall be governed by the terms  
20 of the agreement. Exempt employment shall not include any  
21 employees who are represented by a labor organization that has  
22 a labor agreement with the Authority.

23 No employee, officer, or agent of the Chicago Transit  
24 Board may receive a bonus that exceeds 10% of his or her annual  
25 salary unless that bonus has been reviewed for a period of 14  
26 days by the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Board. After

1 14 days, the bonus shall be considered reviewed. This Section  
2 does not apply to usual and customary salary adjustments.

3 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

4 (70 ILCS 3605/28d)

5 Sec. 28d. Employment contracts. Except as otherwise  
6 provided in Section 28a, before the Chicago Transit Board may  
7 enter into or amend any employment contract in excess of  
8 \$200,000 ~~\$100,000~~, the Chicago Transit Board must submit that  
9 contract or amendment to the Northern Illinois Transit  
10 Authority Board for review for a period of 14 days. After 14  
11 days, the contract shall be considered reviewed. This Section  
12 applies only to contracts entered into or amended on or after  
13 the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 98th General  
14 Assembly.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

16 (70 ILCS 3605/33.10)

17 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
18 delayed effective date)

19 Sec. 33.10. Budget and program. The Authority, subject to  
20 the powers of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority,  
21 including the budget review powers contained in Section 4.11  
22 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act, shall, by  
23 ordinance, appropriate money to perform the Authority's  
24 purposes and provide for payment of debts and expenses of the

1 Authority. Each year, as part of the process set forth in  
2 Section 4.11 of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Act,  
3 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority shall prepare and  
4 publish a comprehensive annual budget and proposed 5-Year  
5 Capital Program document, and a financial plan for the 2 years  
6 thereafter describing the state of the Authority and  
7 presenting for the forthcoming fiscal year and the 2 following  
8 years the Authority's plans for such operations and capital  
9 expenditures as it intends to undertake and the means by which  
10 it intends to finance them. The proposed budget, financial  
11 plan, and 5-Year Capital Program shall be based on the  
12 Northern Illinois Transit Authority's estimate of funds to be  
13 made available to the Board by or through the Authority and  
14 shall conform in all respects to the requirements established  
15 by the Northern Illinois Transit Authority. The proposed  
16 budget, financial plan, and 5-Year Capital Program shall  
17 contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand at the  
18 beginning of the fiscal year, the funds estimated to be  
19 received from all sources for the year and the funds estimated  
20 to be on hand at the end of the year. The fiscal year of the  
21 Authority shall be the same as the fiscal year of the Northern  
22 Illinois Transit Authority. The proposed budget, financial  
23 plan, and 5-Year Capital Program shall be included in the  
24 Northern Illinois Transit Authority's public hearings under  
25 Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~ of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
26 Act. The budget, financial plan, and 5-Year Capital Program

1 shall then be finalized by the Northern Illinois Transit  
2 Authority as provided in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~. The ordinance  
3 adopted by the Northern Illinois Transit Authority as provided  
4 in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~ shall appropriate the sums of money as are  
5 deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and  
6 obligations of the Authority, specifying purposes and the  
7 objects or programs for which appropriations are made and the  
8 amount appropriated for each object or program. Additional  
9 appropriations, transfers between items, and other changes in  
10 the ordinance that do not alter the basis upon which the  
11 balanced budget determination was made by the Board of the  
12 Northern Illinois Transit Authority may be made from time to  
13 time by the Authority. The Authority shall not (i) use any  
14 funds in its budget, or in reserves, allocated for operational  
15 expenses to fund capital projects or (ii) transfer moneys from  
16 any funds in its budget, or in reserves, allocated for  
17 operational expenses to an account primarily used to fund  
18 capital projects.

19 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

20 (70 ILCS 3605/51.5 rep.)

21 Section 40. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is  
22 amended by repealing Section 51.5.

23 Section 45. The Local Mass Transit District Act is amended  
24 by changing Section 5.08 as follows:

1 (70 ILCS 3610/5.08)

2 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
3 delayed effective date)

4 Sec. 5.08. Transit-supportive development and  
5 trail-supportive development.

6 (a) As used in this Section:

7 "Transit-supportive development" means residential,  
8 commercial, and governmental facilities and supporting  
9 infrastructure improvements that are designed to facilitate  
10 access to and use of public transit or public trails and that  
11 are located within either (i) one-half mile of a public  
12 transportation station or (ii) one-eighth mile of a bus stop  
13 on a public transportation bus route.

14 "Trail-supportive development" means residential,  
15 commercial, and governmental facilities, and supporting  
16 infrastructure improvements that are (i) located within  
17 one-quarter mile of a public trail and (ii) designed to  
18 facilitate access to and use of public transit or public  
19 trails.

20 (b) The Board of Trustees of any Transit District may  
21 acquire, construct, own, operate, or maintain for public  
22 service transit-supportive developments and trail-supportive  
23 developments and may exercise all powers necessary or  
24 convenient to accomplish the purposes of this Section.

25 (c) The Board of Trustees of any Transit District may

1 acquire by purchase, condemnation, lease, gift, or otherwise  
2 any property and rights useful for its transit-supportive  
3 development purposes and trail-supportive development purposes  
4 and may sell, lease, transfer, or convey any property or  
5 rights when no longer useful or to exchange the same for other  
6 property or rights that are useful for its purposes.

7 (d) In addition to other powers provided in this  
8 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the Board of  
9 Trustees of any Transit District may enter into contracts and  
10 agreements with governmental, not-for-profit, and for-profit  
11 entities for the development, construction, and operation of  
12 transit-supportive developments and trail-supportive  
13 developments.

14 (e) The Board of Trustees of any Transit District shall  
15 have the continuing power to borrow money for (i) the purpose  
16 of acquiring, constructing, reconstructing, extending, or  
17 improving transit-supportive developments and  
18 trail-supportive developments or any part of those  
19 developments and (ii) the purpose of acquiring property and  
20 equipment useful for the construction, reconstruction,  
21 extension, improvement, or operation of its transit-supportive  
22 developments and trail-supportive developments or any part of  
23 those developments.

24 (f) This Section does not exempt the Board of Trustees of  
25 any Transit District from complying with land use regulations  
26 applicable to the property involved in a transit-supportive

1 development or trail-supportive development.

2 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

3 Section 50. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
4 amended by changing Sections 1.02, 1.03, 2.01a, 2.01b, 2.01f,  
5 2.04, 2.05, 2.06.2, 2.11.05, 2.11.15, 2.11.35, 2.14, 2.41,  
6 2.49, 3.01, 3A.02, 3A.06, 3A.10.5, 3A.15.5, 3A.18, 3B.02.5,  
7 3B.06, 3B.10.5, 3B.26, 4.01, 4.01b, 4.03, 4.04, 4.09, 5.05,  
8 6.01, 7.02, 7.03, and 7.04 and by adding Section 2.50 as  
9 follows:

10 (70 ILCS 3615/1.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.02)

11 Sec. 1.02. Findings and Purpose.

12 (a) The General Assembly finds;

13 (1) Public transportation is, as provided in Section 7  
14 of Article XIII of the Illinois Constitution, an essential  
15 public purpose for which public funds may be expended and  
16 that Section authorizes the State to provide financial  
17 assistance to units of local government for distribution  
18 to providers of public transportation. There is an urgent  
19 need to reform and continue a unit of local government to  
20 assure the proper management of public transportation and  
21 to receive and distribute State or federal operating  
22 assistance and to raise and distribute revenues for local  
23 operating assistance. System generated revenues are not  
24 adequate for such service and a public need exists to

1 provide for, aid and assist public transportation in the  
2 northeastern area of the State, consisting of Cook,  
3 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties.

4 (2) Comprehensive and coordinated regional public  
5 transportation is essential to the public health, safety,  
6 and welfare. It is essential to economic well-being,  
7 maintenance of full employment, conservation of sources of  
8 energy and land for open space and reduction of traffic  
9 congestion and for providing and maintaining a healthful  
10 environment for the benefit of present and future  
11 generations in the metropolitan region. Public  
12 transportation improves access to jobs, commercial  
13 facilities, schools, and cultural attractions. Public  
14 transportation decreases air pollution and other  
15 environmental hazards resulting from excessive use of  
16 automobiles and allows for more efficient land use and  
17 planning.

18 (3) Transportation in the metropolitan region is being  
19 threatened by grave financial conditions. With existing  
20 methods of financing, coordination, structure, and  
21 management, the public transportation system is not  
22 providing adequate public transportation to ensure the  
23 public health, safety, and welfare.

24 (3.5) The COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented  
25 disruption in public transportation ridership and  
26 operations from which the service providers have yet to

1 fully recover and the pandemic-related federal funding  
2 support for public transportation operations has expired.  
3 Although ridership levels continue to improve from the  
4 lowest levels observed during the pandemic, net ridership  
5 levels have not recovered to pre-pandemic levels.  
6 Furthermore, the system experienced persistent losses in  
7 ridership, service quality, and financial stability for  
8 many years before the pandemic. These systemic issues,  
9 combined with the changes in passenger behaviors,  
10 experiences, and commuting patterns since the pandemic,  
11 create conditions untenable to a sustainable and thriving  
12 public transportation system.

13 (4) Additional commitments to the public  
14 transportation needs of persons with disabilities, the  
15 economically disadvantaged, and the elderly are necessary.  
16 Further, additional commitments to the public transit  
17 needs of persons who currently reside in areas with  
18 limited, infrequent, or no public transit service are  
19 needed to eliminate existing public transit deserts and  
20 ensure that all residents of the metropolitan region have  
21 access to frequent, reliable, safe, and interconnected  
22 transit options.

23 (5) To solve these problems, it is necessary to  
24 provide for the creation and empowerment of the Northern  
25 Illinois Transit Authority with the powers necessary to  
26 insure adequate public transportation.

1 (b) (Blank).

2 (c) (Blank).

3 (d) It is the purpose of this Act to provide for, aid and  
4 assist public transportation in the northeastern area of the  
5 State without impairing the overall quality of existing public  
6 transportation by providing for the creation of a single  
7 authority responsive to the people and elected officials of  
8 the area and with the power and competence to develop,  
9 implement, and enforce plans that promote adequate, efficient,  
10 geographically equitable and coordinated public  
11 transportation, provide financial review of the providers of  
12 public transportation in the metropolitan region and  
13 facilitate public transportation provided by Service Boards  
14 which is attractive and economical to users, comprehensive,  
15 coordinated among its various elements, economical, safe,  
16 efficient and coordinated with area and State plans.

17 (e) It is the intent of this Act to continue and maintain  
18 the existence of the Regional Transportation Authority,  
19 notwithstanding a change in its name and appointment powers  
20 and authorities, and is in no way intended to change, modify,  
21 or restrict the rights of existing Regional Transportation  
22 ~~Transit~~ Authority bondholders or to change or repeal the  
23 non-impairment covenant in the current Regional Transportation  
24 Authority legislation.

25 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1 (70 ILCS 3615/1.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 701.03)

2 Sec. 1.03. Definitions. As used in this Act:

3 "Authority" means the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
4 (formerly the Regional Transportation Authority).

5 "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Northern  
6 Illinois Transit Authority (formerly the Board of Directors of  
7 the Regional Transportation Authority).

8 "Construct or acquire" means plan, design, construct,  
9 reconstruct, improve, modify, extend, landscape, expand or  
10 acquire.

11 ~~"Limited English proficient individual" means an~~  
12 ~~individual who does not speak English as the individual's~~  
13 ~~primary language and who has a limited ability to read, speak,~~  
14 ~~write, or understand English.~~

15 "Metropolitan Region" means all territory included within  
16 the territory of the Authority as provided in this Act, and  
17 such territory as may be annexed to the Authority.

18 "Municipality", "County" and "Unit of Local Government"  
19 have the meanings given to such terms in Section 1 of Article  
20 VII of the Illinois Constitution.

21 "Operate" means operate, maintain, administer, repair,  
22 promote and any other acts necessary or proper with regard to  
23 such matters.

24 "Passenger miles traveled" means the cumulative sum of the  
25 distances ridden by each passenger.

26 "Public Transportation" means the transportation or

1 conveyance of persons within the metropolitan region by means  
2 available to the general public, including groups of the  
3 general public with special needs, except for transportation  
4 by automobiles not used for conveyance of the general public  
5 as passengers.

6 "Public Transportation Facilities" means all equipment or  
7 property, real or personal, or rights therein, useful or  
8 necessary for providing, maintaining or administering public  
9 transportation within the metropolitan region or otherwise  
10 useful for carrying out or meeting the purposes or powers of  
11 the Authority, except it shall not include roads, streets,  
12 highways or bridges or toll highways or toll bridges for  
13 general public use.

14 ~~"Qualified interpreter" or "qualified translator" means an~~  
15 ~~individual proficient in both English and the non English~~  
16 ~~language used by the limited English proficient individual,~~  
17 ~~with demonstrated ability to interpret or translate accurately~~  
18 ~~and impartially.~~

19 "Service Boards" means the Board of the Commuter Rail  
20 Division of the Authority, the Board of the Suburban Bus  
21 Division of the Authority, and the Board of the Chicago  
22 Transit Authority established pursuant to the Chicago Transit  
23 Authority Act.

24 "Service standards" means quantitative and qualitative  
25 attributes of public transit service as well as the  
26 appropriate level of service to be provided across the

1 metropolitan region.

2 "Supermajority vote" means the affirmative vote of:

3 (1) until September 1, 2026, 12 of the Authority's  
4 then Directors; or

5 (2) beginning September 1, 2026, either at least 15 of  
6 the Authority's then Directors or 12 of the Authority's  
7 then Directors if there are:

8 (A) at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors  
9 appointed under subsection (a) of Section 3.01.05  
10 ~~3.01~~;

11 (B) at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors  
12 appointed under subsection (a-5) of Section 3.01.05  
13 ~~3.01~~;

14 (C) at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors  
15 appointed under subsection (b) of Section 3.01.05  
16 ~~3.01~~; and

17 (D) at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors  
18 appointed under subsection (b-5) of Section 3.01.05  
19 ~~3.01~~.

20 "Transportation Agency" means any individual, firm,  
21 partnership, corporation, association, body politic, municipal  
22 corporation, public authority, unit of local government or  
23 other person, other than the Authority and the Service Boards,  
24 which provides public transportation, any local mass transit  
25 district created pursuant to the Local Mass Transit District  
26 Act and any urban transportation district created pursuant to

1 the Urban Transportation District Act, which districts are  
2 located in whole or in part within the metropolitan region.

3 "Unlinked passenger trips" means the number of passengers  
4 who board public transportation vehicles. Passengers are  
5 counted each time they board vehicles no matter how many  
6 vehicles they use to travel from their origin to destination.

7 "Vehicle revenue hours" means the hours that vehicles are  
8 scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service.

9 "Vehicle revenue hours" includes layover or recovery time.

10 "Vehicle revenue hours" does not include deadhead, operator  
11 training, vehicle maintenance testing, and other non-revenue  
12 uses of vehicles.

13 "Vehicle revenue miles" means the miles that vehicles are  
14 scheduled to or actually travel while in revenue service.

15 "Vehicle revenue miles" includes distances traveled during  
16 layover or recovery time. "Vehicle revenue miles" does not  
17 include deadhead, operator training, vehicle maintenance  
18 testing, and other non-revenue uses of vehicles.

19 ~~"Vital documents" means materials critical for obtaining~~  
20 ~~services or understanding rider rights, including fare~~  
21 ~~schedules, safety information, service announcements, and~~  
22 ~~notices of rights or responsibilities.~~

23 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

24 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01a)

25 Sec. 2.01a. Strategic Plan.

1 (a) By a supermajority vote, the Authority shall adopt a  
2 Strategic Plan, no less than every 5 years, after consultation  
3 with the Service Boards and after holding a minimum of 3 public  
4 hearings in Cook County, at least one of which shall be held in  
5 the City of Chicago, and one public hearing in each of the  
6 other counties in the region. The Executive Director of the  
7 Authority shall review the Strategic Plan on an ongoing basis  
8 and make recommendations to the Board of the Authority with  
9 respect to any update or amendment of the Strategic Plan. The  
10 Strategic Plan shall describe the specific actions to be taken  
11 by the Authority and the Service Boards to provide adequate,  
12 efficient, and coordinated public transportation.

13 (b) The Strategic Plan shall identify goals and objectives  
14 with respect to:

15 (i) increasing ridership and passenger miles on public  
16 transportation funded by the Authority;

17 (ii) increasing per capita transit ridership and the  
18 share of trips taken by transit in the region;

19 (iii) using public transportation to reduce greenhouse  
20 gas and other emissions from the transportation sector;

21 (iv) coordination of public transportation services  
22 and the investment in public transportation facilities to  
23 enhance the integration of public transportation  
24 throughout the metropolitan region;

25 (v) coordination of fare and transfer policies to  
26 promote transfers by riders among Service Boards,

1           Transportation Agencies, and public transportation modes,  
2           which may include goals and objectives for development of  
3           a universal fare instrument that riders may use  
4           interchangeably on all public transportation funded by the  
5           Authority, and methods to be used to allocate revenues  
6           from transfers;

7           (vi) improvements in public transportation facilities  
8           to bring those facilities into a state of good repair,  
9           enhancements that attract ridership and improve customer  
10          service, and expansions needed to serve areas with  
11          sufficient demand for public transportation;

12          (vii) increasing access for transit-dependent  
13          populations, including low-income communities, seniors,  
14          students, and people with disabilities;

15          (viii) increasing access by low-income communities to  
16          places of employment, using analyses provided by the  
17          Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding  
18          employment and transportation availability, and giving  
19          consideration to the location of employment centers in  
20          each county and the availability of public transportation  
21          at off-peak hours and on weekends;

22          (ix) the financial viability of the public  
23          transportation system, including both operating and  
24          capital programs;

25          (x) improving roadway operations within the  
26          metropolitan region to enhance transit options and to

1 improve mobility;

2 (xi) land use policies, practices, and incentives that  
3 make more effective use of public transportation services  
4 and facilities as community assets and encourage locating  
5 the siting of businesses, homes, and public facilities  
6 near public transportation services and facilities to  
7 provide convenient and affordable travel for residents,  
8 customers, and employees in the metropolitan region;

9 (xii) policies, practices, and incentives that will  
10 better integrate public transportation with other active  
11 modes of transportation; and

12 (xiii) such other goals and objectives that advance  
13 the policy of the State to provide adequate, efficient,  
14 geographically equitable and coordinated public  
15 transportation in the metropolitan region.

16 (c) The Strategic Plan shall establish the process and  
17 criteria by which proposals for capital improvements by the  
18 Authority, a Service Board, or a Transportation Agency will be  
19 evaluated by the Authority for inclusion, as proposed or with  
20 modifications, in the 5-Year Capital Program, which shall be  
21 in accordance with the prioritization process set forth in  
22 Section 2.39. The Strategic Plan ~~Proposals for capital~~  
23 ~~improvements~~ may include criteria for:

24 (i) allocating funds among maintenance, enhancement,  
25 and expansion improvements;

26 (ii) projects to be funded from the Innovation,

1 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund;

2 (iii) projects intended to improve or enhance  
3 ridership or customer service;

4 (iv) design and location of station or transit  
5 improvements intended to promote transfers, increase  
6 ridership, and support transit-oriented land development;

7 (v) assessing the impact of projects on the ability to  
8 operate and maintain the existing transit system; and

9 (vi) other criteria that advance the goals and  
10 objectives of the Strategic Plan.

11 (d) The Strategic Plan shall establish performance  
12 standards and measurements regarding the adequacy, efficiency,  
13 geographic equity and coordination of public transportation  
14 services in the region and the implementation of the goals and  
15 objectives in the Strategic Plan. At a minimum, such standards  
16 and measures shall include customer-related performance data  
17 measured by line, route, or sub-region, as determined by the  
18 Authority, on the following:

19 (i) travel times and on-time performance;

20 (ii) ridership data;

21 (iii) equipment failure rates;

22 (iv) employee and customer safety;

23 (v) crowding;

24 (vi) cleanliness of vehicles and stations;

25 (vii) service productivity; and

26 (viii) customer satisfaction.

1           (e) The Strategic Plan shall identify innovations to  
2 improve the delivery of public transportation and the  
3 construction of public transportation facilities.

4           (f) The Strategic Plan shall describe the expected  
5 financial condition of public transportation in the  
6 metropolitan region prospectively over a 10-year period, which  
7 may include information about the cash position and all known  
8 obligations of the Authority and the Service Boards including  
9 operating expenditures, debt service, contributions for  
10 payment of pension and other post-employment benefits, the  
11 expected revenues from fares, tax receipts, grants from the  
12 federal, State, and local governments for operating and  
13 capital purposes and issuance of debt, the availability of  
14 working capital, and the resources needed to achieve the goals  
15 and objectives described in the Strategic Plan.

16           (g) In developing the Strategic Plan, the Authority shall  
17 rely on such demographic and other data, forecasts, and  
18 assumptions developed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for  
19 Planning with respect to the patterns of population density  
20 and growth, projected commercial and residential development,  
21 and environmental factors, within the metropolitan region and  
22 in areas outside the metropolitan region that may impact  
23 public transportation utilization in the metropolitan region.  
24 The Authority shall also consult with the Illinois Department  
25 of Transportation's Office of Planning and Programming when  
26 developing the Strategic Plan. Before adopting or amending any

1 Strategic Plan, the Authority shall consult with the Chicago  
2 Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding the consistency of  
3 the Strategic Plan with the Regional Comprehensive Plan  
4 adopted pursuant to the Regional Planning Act.

5 (h) The Authority may adopt, by a supermajority vote,  
6 sub-regional or corridor plans for specific geographic areas  
7 of the metropolitan region in order to improve the adequacy,  
8 efficiency, geographic equity and coordination of existing, or  
9 the delivery of new, public transportation. Such plans may  
10 also address areas outside the metropolitan region that may  
11 impact public transportation utilization in the metropolitan  
12 region. In preparing a sub-regional or corridor plan, the  
13 Authority may identify changes in operating practices or  
14 capital investment in the sub-region or corridor that could  
15 increase ridership, reduce costs, improve coordination, or  
16 enhance transit-oriented development. The Authority shall  
17 consult with any affected Service Boards in the preparation of  
18 any sub-regional or corridor plans.

19 (i) (Blank).

20 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

21 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01b)

22 Sec. 2.01b. The 5-Year Capital Program. By a supermajority  
23 vote, the Authority, after consultation with the Service  
24 Boards and after holding a minimum of 3 public hearings in Cook  
25 County, at least one ~~one~~ of which shall be held in the City of

1 Chicago, and one public hearing in each of the other counties  
2 in the metropolitan region, shall each year adopt a 5-Year  
3 Capital Program that shall include each capital improvement to  
4 be undertaken by the Authority or, on behalf of the Authority,  
5 by a Service Board or Transportation Agency, provided that the  
6 Authority finds that the improvement meets any criteria for  
7 capital improvements contained in the Strategic Plan, is not  
8 inconsistent with any sub-regional or corridor plan adopted by  
9 the Authority, and can be funded within amounts available with  
10 respect to the capital and operating costs of such  
11 improvement. Prior to submitting their proposed capital  
12 projects to the Authority, each Service Board shall hold at  
13 least one meeting for consideration of the capital projects  
14 being submitted to the Authority with representatives of labor  
15 organizations that have collective bargaining agreements with  
16 the respective Service Board. The Program shall be based on  
17 any criteria for capital improvements contained in the  
18 Strategic Plan, the capital project prioritization process,  
19 the service standards, the transit asset management plans  
20 required by 49 CFR 625.25, and other criteria determined by  
21 the Authority so long as the improvements are not inconsistent  
22 with any subregional or corridor plan adopted by the Authority  
23 and can be funded within amounts available with respect to the  
24 capital and operating costs of the improvement.

25 In reviewing proposals for improvements to be included in  
26 a 5-Year Capital Program, the Authority may give priority to

1 improvements that are intended to bring public transportation  
2 facilities into a state of good repair. Before adopting a  
3 5-Year Capital Program, the Authority shall consult with the  
4 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding the  
5 consistency of the 5-Year Capital Program with the Regional  
6 Comprehensive Plan adopted under the Regional Planning Act.  
7 The 5-Year Capital Program shall also identify capital  
8 improvements to be undertaken by a Service Board, a  
9 Transportation Agency, or a unit of local government and  
10 funded by the Authority from amounts in the Innovation,  
11 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund, provided that no  
12 improvement that is included in the 5-Year Capital Program as  
13 of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
14 General Assembly may receive funding from the Innovation,  
15 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund.

16 Beginning on January 1, 2027, for each improvement  
17 identified in the 5-year Capital Program, the Authority shall  
18 identify the entity responsible for implementing the project.  
19 The Service Boards shall remain responsible for managing  
20 contracts they entered into before January 1, 2027 for  
21 improvements identified in the 5-Year Capital Program, subject  
22 to the Authority's review and approval. The Authority shall  
23 retain responsibility for larger or comprehensive improvements  
24 such as Regionally Significant Projects, as designated by the  
25 Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning; new service  
26 infrastructure such as a new rail line or a new BRT corridor;

1 large-scale rebuild of existing service infrastructure; new  
2 service vehicle or rolling stock purchases; or improvements  
3 that will be used by multiple Service Boards. The Authority  
4 shall assign to the appropriate Service Board responsibility  
5 for projects such as general service infrastructure renewal;  
6 improvements to non-service facilities; overhauls of railcars  
7 and vehicles; routine maintenance; and projects that will be  
8 completed entirely by Service Board employees.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01f)

11 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
12 delayed effective date)

13 Sec. 2.01f. Service planning.

14 (a) Beginning December 2027, the Authority shall develop a  
15 regionally coordinated Service Plan that describes all transit  
16 service to be provided in the coming year or years. The  
17 Authority may plan service for periods of not less than 1 year  
18 and not more than 3 years.

19 (b) To assist in the development of Service Plans, the  
20 Authority may issue a request for proposed service plans to  
21 all Service Boards. Requests for proposed service plans must  
22 indicate the first and last years for which service will be  
23 planned and must not cover more than 3 years. Requests for  
24 proposed service plans may not be issued to less than all  
25 Service Boards.

1 (c) For years in which the Authority is engaged in Service  
2 Planning, it shall commence the process by issuing a request  
3 for proposed service plans to all the Service Boards by the  
4 preceding December 15. The requests for proposed service plans  
5 may include:

6 (1) a description of service improvements and changes  
7 that the Authority desires to carry out its Strategic Plan  
8 and to implement its service standards;

9 (2) a description of the estimates of revenue for the  
10 next fiscal year that the Authority has received from the  
11 Director of the Governor's Office of Management and  
12 Budget;

13 (3) a directive to the Service Boards to prepare  
14 service coverage and service-level scenarios assuming  
15 various specified budget allocations for each Service  
16 Board;

17 (4) a description of the degree to which Service  
18 Boards may make changes to the programmed location,  
19 frequency, days, and hours of service provided by the  
20 Service Board as compared to the Service Board's current  
21 approved service plan and the circumstances under which  
22 the changes shall be permitted;

23 (5) the opportunity for the Service Boards to propose  
24 service improvements along with estimated costs; and

25 (6) requests for information the Authority deems  
26 necessary for the Authority to assess how to most

1 effectively and equitably allocate funds among the Service  
2 Boards, including estimates of the resources needed to  
3 provide each service-level scenario.

4 (d) By March 31 following the request for proposed service  
5 plans, each Service Board shall present preliminary service  
6 proposals in several public hearings conducted by the  
7 Authority. A minimum of 3 public hearings shall be held in Cook  
8 County, including one in the City of Chicago, and one public  
9 hearing shall be held in each of the other counties in the  
10 region.

11 (e) By June 30 following the request for proposed service  
12 plans, each Service Board shall submit a proposed service plan  
13 in response to the Authority's request, prepared in the format  
14 requested by the Authority. Proposed service plans shall  
15 outline:

16 (1) the operating funding assumptions used by the  
17 Service Board to determine that the proposed service is  
18 feasible, including any estimates of resources that were  
19 requested by the Authority;

20 (2) the location, frequency, days and hours of  
21 service, and other details of the service that the Service  
22 Board shall provide;

23 (3) the reasons for any changes made to the location,  
24 frequency, days, and hours of service provided by the  
25 Service Board from the previous service plan;

26 (4) the service requirements applicable to the service

1 provided by the Service Board covering issues such as  
2 reliability, cleanliness, and safety; and

3 (5) requirements relating to the Service Board's  
4 compliance with Authority fare technology and fare  
5 integration efforts, information technology systems,  
6 customer communication systems and protocols, branding and  
7 advertising efforts, coordination of schedules, and other  
8 requirements designed to improve the integration and  
9 quality of public transportation in the metropolitan  
10 region.

11 (f) Before voting on any final regionwide Service Plan,  
12 the Authority shall hold at least one public hearing on the  
13 regionwide Service Plan.

14 (g) Before voting on any proposed final regionwide Service  
15 Plan, the Authority shall hold at least one meeting for  
16 consideration of the regionwide Service Plan with the county  
17 board of each of the several counties in the metropolitan  
18 region in which the Service Board provides service.

19 (h) The Board shall review the proposed service plans and  
20 compile the plans into a ~~revised,~~ regionwide Service Plan. The  
21 Board shall only approve the ~~revised,~~ regionwide Service Plan  
22 if it meets the service standards set forth in the Strategic  
23 Plan as best as possible considering projected available  
24 funds. If the Board fails to approve the proposed ~~revised,~~  
25 regionwide Service Plan, then the Board shall notify each  
26 Service Board of any deficiencies identified in that Service

1 Board's contributions to the proposed ~~revised~~, nationwide  
2 Service Plan. The Board shall also notify each Service Board  
3 if its reasons for changes from the previous approved service  
4 plan fail to comply with any guidance provided by the Board in  
5 the previous request for service plans as described in  
6 paragraph (4) of subsection (e). Service Boards shall not  
7 continue to operate service changes that the Board deems to  
8 have failed to comply with guidance provided by the Board,  
9 unless the service is included in the ~~forthcoming~~ nationwide  
10 service plan approved by the Board.

11 (i) If the Board finds ~~has not found~~ that the proposed  
12 ~~revised~~, nationwide Service Plan does not meet ~~meets~~ the  
13 service standards, the Board shall adopt a nationwide Service  
14 Plan that does. In all cases, the Board shall adopt a  
15 nationwide Service Plan by no later than December ~~August~~ 31  
16 following the request for plans.

17 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

18 (70 ILCS 3615/2.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.04)

19 Sec. 2.04. Fares and nature of service.

20 (a) The Authority shall have the sole authority to: (i)  
21 set and coordinate fares and charges for public transit  
22 services in the metropolitan region, including public  
23 transportation provided by Transportation Agencies pursuant to  
24 purchase of service or grant agreements with the Authority,  
25 and (ii) establish the nature and standards of public transit

1 to be provided in accordance with the Strategic Plan and  
2 service standards. However, the Authority may not increase the  
3 fares of any service provided by a Service Board until one year  
4 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
5 General Assembly. Beginning one year after the effective date  
6 of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the  
7 Board may not increase the fares of any Service Board before  
8 evaluating the effects of increase fares.

9 (b) Whenever a Service Board provides any public  
10 transportation pursuant to purchase of service or grant  
11 agreements to Transportation Agencies for operating expenses  
12 (other than with regard to experimental programs) or pursuant  
13 to any purchase of service agreement, the purchase of service  
14 agreement or grant contract shall provide for the level and  
15 nature of fares or charges to be made for such services, and  
16 the nature and standards of public transportation to be so  
17 provided. A Service Board shall require all Transportation  
18 Agencies with which it contracts, or from which it purchases  
19 transportation services or to which it makes grants to provide  
20 half fare transportation for their student riders if any of  
21 such agencies provide for half fare transportation to their  
22 student riders.

23 (c) In so providing for the fares or charges and the nature  
24 and standards of public transportation, any purchase of  
25 service agreements or grant contracts shall provide, among  
26 other matters, for the terms or cost of transfers or

1 interconnections between different modes of transportation and  
2 different public Transportation Agencies, schedules or routes  
3 of such service, changes which may be made in such service, the  
4 nature and condition of the facilities used in providing  
5 service, the manner of collection and disposition of fares or  
6 charges, the records and reports to be kept and made  
7 concerning such service, for interchangeable tickets or other  
8 coordinated or uniform methods of collection of charges, and  
9 shall further require that the Transportation Agency comply  
10 with any determination made by the Board of the Authority  
11 under and subject to the provisions of Section 2.12b of this  
12 Act. In regard to any such service, the Authority and the  
13 Service Boards shall give attention to and may undertake  
14 programs to promote use of public transportation and to  
15 provide coordinated ticket sales and passenger information. In  
16 the case of a grant to a Transportation Agency which remains  
17 subject to Illinois Commerce Commission supervision and  
18 regulation, the Service Boards shall exercise the powers set  
19 forth in this Section in a manner consistent with such  
20 supervision and regulation by the Illinois Commerce  
21 Commission.

22 (d) The Authority shall develop and implement a regionally  
23 coordinated and consolidated fare collection system.

24 (e) The Authority may delegate the responsibility for all  
25 or some aspects of physical fare collection to the Service  
26 Boards.

1 (f) Prior to adopting any fare structure ordinance, the  
2 Authority shall allow a reasonable time for public input and  
3 hold public hearings under subsection (e-5) of Section 5.01.

4 (g) The Authority shall submit the proposed fare structure  
5 ordinance to each Service Board for feedback.

6 (h) By no later than January 1, 2028, the Authority, in  
7 coordination with the Service Boards, shall undertake a joint  
8 procurement for a next generation fare collection system,  
9 which shall include, among other things, a unified mobile  
10 ticket application, that shall be procured and implemented by  
11 the Authority by February 1, 2030, as a unified regional fare  
12 payment system. All agreements for, or related to, a regional  
13 fare payment system must include provisions for data sharing  
14 that allow the Authority and the Service Boards access to all  
15 data generated by the fare collection system.

16 (i) Whenever the Authority adopts a fare policy  
17 establishing or modifying interagency passes, tickets, or  
18 transfers, the policy shall also set forth the fare-sharing  
19 agreements between the Service Boards that apply to the  
20 revenue raised from interagency fare passes, tickets, and  
21 transfers. Except as specified in such an agreement, all fare  
22 revenue generated and received by the Authority shall be  
23 disbursed by the Authority to the Service Board responsible  
24 for generating the revenue.

25 (j) (1) The Authority shall have sole authority over and be  
26 responsible for administering all special fare programs,

1 including free and reduced fares for seniors and people with  
2 disabilities, and other special fare programs.

3 (2) ~~The To the extent required by Section 3-33-160 of the~~  
4 ~~Chicago Municipal Code, the~~ Authority and the Chicago Transit  
5 Authority Agency shall provide for free rides for active duty  
6 military personnel in uniform or with appropriate  
7 identification, and disabled veterans of the United States  
8 Armed Forces under the same terms as Section 3-33-260 of the  
9 Chicago Municipal Code.

10 (3) Any fixed-route public transportation services  
11 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts  
12 of, a Service Board shall be provided without charge to senior  
13 citizens aged 65 and older, and all persons with a disability,  
14 who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
15 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
16 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
17 conditions as shall be prescribed by Authority. The Department  
18 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
19 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
20 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
21 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,  
22 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
23 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
24 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued  
25 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in  
26 this Section shall relieve the Authority from providing

1 reduced fares as may be required by federal law. The Authority  
2 shall provide the Department of Public Health with a monthly  
3 list of all riders that receive free or reduced fares under  
4 this subsection. The list shall include an individual's name,  
5 address, and date of birth. The Department of Public Health  
6 shall, within 2 weeks after receipt of the list, report back to  
7 the Authority any discrepancies that indicate that a rider  
8 receiving free or reduced fare services is deceased. The  
9 Authority, upon receipt of the report from the Department of  
10 Public Health, shall take appropriate steps to remove any  
11 deceased individual's name from the list of individuals  
12 eligible under the free or reduced fare programs.

13 (4) By no later than 2 years after the effective date of  
14 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the  
15 Authority shall develop the following programs:

16 (A) An income-based reduced fare program for:

17 (i) veterans;

18 (ii) any United States resident who is 17 years of  
19 age or older and has been in and left the physical  
20 custody of the Department of Corrections within the  
21 last 36 months; and

22 (iii) individuals experiencing homelessness.

23 (B) A free and reduced fare program for domestic  
24 violence and sexual assault survivors, which shall provide  
25 free and reduced fares to survivors of domestic violence  
26 and sexual assault. The Authority shall not require

1 domestic violence or sexual assault programs to report or  
2 share information related to individual program  
3 participants or applicants.

4 (C) A program across public transportation service  
5 providers for providing free services to a rider for any  
6 additional fares for the duration of a daily, weekly,  
7 monthly, or 30-day pass once the rider has purchased  
8 enough regular one-way fares to reach an amount that is no  
9 less than the cost of an applicable pass.

10 (k) The Authority shall provide regular annual reports to  
11 the Governor and General Assembly on progress made in  
12 implementing the changes made to this Act by this amendatory  
13 Act of the 104th General Assembly under subsections (f) and  
14 (g) of this Section as outlined under Section 2.44.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

16 (70 ILCS 3615/2.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.05)

17 Sec. 2.05. Centralized services; acquisition and  
18 construction.

19 (a) The Authority may at the request of two or more Service  
20 Boards, serve, or designate a Service Board to serve, as a  
21 centralized purchasing agent for the Service Boards so  
22 requesting.

23 (b) The Authority may at the request of two or more Service  
24 Boards perform other centralized services such as ridership  
25 information and transfers between services under the

1 jurisdiction of the Service Boards where such centralized  
2 services financially benefit the region as a whole. Provided,  
3 however, that the Board may require transfers only upon a  
4 supermajority vote.

5 (c) A Service Board or the Authority may for the benefit of  
6 a Service Board, to meet its purposes, construct or acquire  
7 any public transportation facility for use by a Service Board  
8 or for use by any Transportation Agency and may acquire any  
9 such facilities from any Transportation Agency, including also  
10 without limitation any reserve funds, employees' pension or  
11 retirement funds, special funds, franchises, licenses,  
12 patents, permits and papers, documents and records of the  
13 agency. In connection with any such acquisition from a  
14 Transportation Agency the Authority may assume obligations of  
15 the Transportation Agency with regard to such facilities or  
16 property or public transportation operations of such agency.

17 In connection with any construction or acquisition, the  
18 Authority shall make relocation payments as may be required by  
19 federal law or by the requirements of any federal agency  
20 authorized to administer any federal program of aid.

21 (d) The Authority shall, after consulting with the Service  
22 Boards, develop regionally coordinated and consolidated sales,  
23 marketing, advertising, and public information programs that  
24 promote the use and coordination of, and transfers among,  
25 public transportation services in the metropolitan region. The  
26 Authority shall develop and adopt, with a supermajority vote,

1 rules and regulations for the Authority and the Service Boards  
2 regarding such programs to ensure that the Service Boards'  
3 independent programs conform with the Authority's regional  
4 programs.

5 (e) By July 1, 2028, the Authority shall manage digital  
6 and web-based trip-planning and real-time vehicle arrival  
7 information for use by riders for all public transportation  
8 services in northeastern Illinois provided by or funded by the  
9 Authority or a Service Board, including demand-response modes.  
10 Relevant Service Board infrastructure, digital assets,  
11 technology, administrative support, and contracts may be  
12 transferred to the Authority for future centralized customer  
13 information services.

14 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

15 (70 ILCS 3615/2.06.2)

16 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
17 delayed effective date)

18 Sec. 2.06.2. Pedestrian access to transit.

19 (a) As part of its Strategic Plan, the Authority shall  
20 identify and prioritize sidewalk and other improvements needed  
21 to provide safe pedestrian access to transit service stops.

22 (b) When any unit of local government in the metropolitan  
23 region undertakes a new construction or reconstruction project  
24 on a roadway under its jurisdiction that has bus stops, rail  
25 stations, or other fixed location transit service stops where

1 a person can board or alight public transportation vehicles or  
2 that intersects with a roadway that provides access to the  
3 transit service stop within one-quarter mile of the project,  
4 then the project scope may include the addition of sidewalks  
5 or shared-use paths to connect the transit stops to any  
6 existing sidewalks or paths within 500 feet of the project.  
7 The unit of local government in the metropolitan region may  
8 also include the addition of concrete sidewalk boarding areas,  
9 which may connect to the sidewalk, for any existing or new  
10 transit stops within the project limits and may add a shelter,  
11 if appropriate, based on rules the Authority develops for  
12 transit service stops.

13 (c) If a unit of local government in the metropolitan  
14 region includes a project listed subsection (b) in its  
15 construction or reconstruction project, then the unit of local  
16 government may seek reimbursement from the Authority for  
17 capital costs associated with the requirements of this  
18 Section, including signal improvements, ADA accommodations,  
19 and other pay items appurtenant to the construction of  
20 sidewalks, shelters, and concrete boarding areas. If  
21 right-of-way acquisition is required to construct the  
22 improvements, then the unit of local government may elect not  
23 to include these improvements in its construction contract.  
24 Units of local government in the metropolitan region shall  
25 comply with all applicable requirements of the Department of  
26 Transportation in carrying out improvements under this

1 Section.

2 (d) The Authority shall, by ordinance, provide rules for  
3 the program described in this Section, including rules  
4 restricting reimbursement to pay items not already required by  
5 the Department of Transportation, and it may elect to  
6 establish an annual not-to-exceed amount for the program and  
7 require cost-sharing by grantees. The Authority shall use only  
8 capital funding for any program established under this  
9 Section.

10 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

11 (70 ILCS 3615/2.11.05)

12 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
13 delayed effective date)

14 Sec. 2.11.05. NITA Law Enforcement Task Force.

15 (a) The Cook County Sheriff shall establish a  
16 multijurisdictional NITA Law Enforcement Task Force led by the  
17 Cook County Sheriff's Office in cooperation with the Chicago  
18 Police Department, the Metra Police, the Illinois State  
19 Police, the sheriff's offices of other counties in the  
20 metropolitan region, and other municipal police departments in  
21 the metropolitan region. Law enforcement agencies within the  
22 metropolitan region not explicitly named in this subsection  
23 may participate on the Task Force upon request of the Cook  
24 County Sheriff.

25 (b) The Task Force shall be created under an

1 intergovernmental agreement and be dedicated to combating  
2 violent and other types of crime with the primary mission of  
3 preservation of life and reducing the occurrence and the fear  
4 of crime on the public transit system of the Northern Illinois  
5 Transit Authority. The objectives of the Task Force shall  
6 include, but shall not be limited to, reducing and preventing  
7 violent crimes and other illegal activities. The Task Force  
8 shall also assist and coordinate with the Chief Transit Safety  
9 Officer in the Chief Transit Safety Officer's efforts to  
10 enforce the Authority's and Service Boards' codes of conduct  
11 and to solve quality of life issues for transit riders and  
12 staff.

13 (c) The Task Force may develop and acquire information,  
14 training, tools, and resources necessary to implement a  
15 data-driven approach to policing, with an emphasis on:

16 (1) preventing violent crime in known hotspots,  
17 property crime, and code of conduct violations that are  
18 crimes; and

19 (2) identifying and arresting persons accused of  
20 violent crime.

21 (d) The Task Force may use information sharing,  
22 partnerships, crime analysis, and evidence-based practices to  
23 assist in the reduction of violent crime, property crime, and  
24 other code of conduct violations.

25 (e) The Task Force shall recognize and use best practices  
26 of community-oriented policing and procedural justice. The

1 Task Force may develop potential partnerships with faith-based  
2 and community organizations to achieve its goals, including,  
3 but not limited to, partnering with social service  
4 organizations, to assist persons experiencing homelessness  
5 obtain shelter and other services and to assist persons  
6 experiencing a mental health or behavioral crisis in  
7 connecting with appropriate services.

8 (f) The Task Force shall identify and use best practices  
9 in deflection and diversion programs and other community-based  
10 services to redirect low level offenders and persons charged  
11 with nonviolent offenses.

12 (g) The Task Force shall engage in violence suppression  
13 strategies, including, but not limited to, details in  
14 identified locations that have shown to be the most prone to  
15 gun violence and violent crime, focused deterrence against  
16 violent gangs and groups considered responsible for the  
17 violence in the transit system, and other intelligence driven  
18 methods deemed necessary to implement the Task Force's  
19 objectives.

20 (h) To implement this Section, the Cook County Sheriff may  
21 establish intergovernmental agreements with law enforcement  
22 agencies in accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation  
23 Act.

24 (i) Law enforcement agencies that are party to an  
25 intergovernmental agreement established under subsection (b)  
26 or (h) and that participate in activities described in

1 subsections (c) through (g) may claim funds to defray  
2 increased costs incurred by participation in the Task Force  
3 from any available moneys provided in support of the Task  
4 Force.

5 (j) The Chicago Police Department shall use any resources  
6 provided for participation in the Task Force to supplement,  
7 not supplant, existing force strength currently assigned to  
8 the Mass Transit Unit within the Chicago Police Department.

9 (k) The Authority shall provide technical, operational,  
10 and material assistance to the Task Force as necessary. The  
11 Authority's Chief Transit Safety Officer or the Chief Transit  
12 Safety Officer's designee shall participate in the Task Force  
13 to facilitate information sharing.

14 (l) The Task Force shall coordinate with the Chief Transit  
15 Safety Officer to identify which code of conduct violations  
16 and quality of life issues shall fall under the Task Force's  
17 purview, which shall fall under the transit ambassadors'  
18 purview, and which shall require the Task Force and transit  
19 ambassadors to respond.

20 (m) Within 6 months after the effective date of this  
21 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the Task Force  
22 shall prepare a preliminary report of recommendations for  
23 ongoing law enforcement strategies, tactics, and best  
24 practices for the ~~Northern Illinois Transit~~ Authority transit  
25 system. The Task Force shall prepare a final report of  
26 recommendations no later than March 1, 2027, and the ~~The~~

1 report shall also make recommendations to be used by the  
2 Authority in implementing a sworn law enforcement officer  
3 crime prevention program on public transportation and a crime  
4 prevention plan to protect public transportation employees and  
5 riders in the metropolitan region. The Report shall be  
6 submitted to the Coordinated Safety Response Council created  
7 under Section 2.11.20.

8 (n) The Task Force shall disband 3 years after the  
9 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
10 Assembly or upon the Authority's transition to a sworn law  
11 enforcement officer crime prevention program on public  
12 transportation and a crime prevention plan to protect public  
13 transportation employees and riders in the metropolitan  
14 region, whichever event occurs first.

15 (o) Prior to disbanding, the Task Force shall cooperate  
16 with the Office of Transit Safety and Experience to develop a  
17 plan to transition from the Task Force to a sworn law  
18 enforcement officer crime prevention program on public  
19 transportation and a crime prevention plan to protect public  
20 transportation employees and riders in the metropolitan  
21 region.

22 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

23 (70 ILCS 3615/2.11.15)

24 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
25 delayed effective date)

1           Sec. 2.11.15. Office of Transit Safety and Experience.

2           (a) The Authority shall establish an Office of Transit  
3 Safety and Experience.

4           (b) The Office shall be responsible for:

5                 (1) developing, implementing, and overseeing a  
6 regionwide safety strategy, working with the Coordinated  
7 Safety Response Council;

8                 (2) promoting code of conduct compliance and the  
9 safety of riders and workers;

10                (3) developing safety standards under subsection (a)  
11 of Section 2.11.30;

12                (4) making recommendations relating to system safety  
13 for inclusion in the Authority's Strategic Plan, Annual  
14 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan, 5-Year Capital Program,  
15 and other projects and programs;

16                (5) making any reports and plans regarding rider and  
17 worker safety required under this Act;

18                (6) overseeing the enforcement and facilitation of the  
19 achievement and maintenance of safety standards, the  
20 implementation of safety tools and technologies, and the  
21 conducting of customer satisfaction polling under Section  
22 2.11;

23                (7) coordinating and liaising with law enforcement  
24 agencies, the Task Force, social service agencies, and  
25 other government agencies or nongovernmental agencies  
26 serving the metropolitan region on safety issues and

1 initiatives;

2 (8) strategizing and partnering with law enforcement  
3 agencies as appropriate to ensure as much as possible that  
4 the response to safety incidents on public transit  
5 facilities occurs pursuant to the sworn law enforcement  
6 officer crime prevention program on public transportation,  
7 the crime prevention plan to protect public transportation  
8 employees and riders in the metropolitan region, and the  
9 incident response deployment strategy developed by the  
10 Safety Coordination Council;

11 (9) developing and overseeing policies and programs to  
12 assist riders in their use of the transit system and to  
13 connect them to other beneficial government and social  
14 services, including through partnerships and contracts  
15 with social service agencies and nongovernmental agencies  
16 that conduct outreach and provide assistance to unhoused  
17 riders;

18 (10) collecting and analyzing data on safety incidents  
19 occurring on public transportation in the metropolitan  
20 region; and

21 (11) developing and implementing policies and  
22 procedures for riders to provide compliments and  
23 complaints about their experiences on public  
24 transportation in the metropolitan region.

25 (c) The Executive Director of the Authority shall, subject  
26 to the Board's approval, designate a full-time Chief Transit

1 Safety Officer to lead and manage the Office of Transit Safety  
2 and Experience. The Chief Transit Safety Officer shall have  
3 previously served in a supervisory capacity at a law  
4 enforcement agency and report directly to the Executive  
5 Director. The Chief Transit Safety Officer shall receive the  
6 same training that all members of the Coordinated Safety  
7 Response Council receive under subsection (h) of Section  
8 2.11.20.

9 (d) Personnel within the Office for Transit Safety and  
10 Experience may be organized or assigned into bureaus,  
11 sections, or divisions as determined by the Executive Director  
12 pursuant to the authority granted by this Act.

13 (e) To implement this Section, the Authority may establish  
14 intergovernmental agreements with law enforcement agencies in  
15 accordance with the Intergovernmental Cooperation Act.

16 (f) To implement this Section, the Authority shall enter  
17 into contracts with nongovernmental agencies to provide, or  
18 create using the staff of the Authority, programs that offer  
19 outreach and assistance to riders that are unhoused, that  
20 suffer from mental health issues, or that otherwise may  
21 benefit from social services in order to implement the  
22 recommendations of the study conducted by the Coordinated  
23 Safety Response Council within 6 ~~12~~ months of the delivery of  
24 the report.

25 (g) Law enforcement agencies that are party to  
26 intergovernmental agreements and nongovernmental agencies that

1 enter into contracts with the Authority to implement the sworn  
2 law enforcement officer crime prevention program on public  
3 transportation, the crime prevention plan to protect public  
4 transportation employees and riders in the metropolitan  
5 region, the incident response deployment strategy, or a  
6 combination thereof may claim funds to defray increased costs  
7 incurred by participation in those programs from any available  
8 moneys provided in support of the programs.

9 (h) The Chicago Police Department shall use any resources  
10 provided to implement the sworn law enforcement officer crime  
11 prevention program on public transportation, the crime  
12 prevention plan to protect public transportation employees and  
13 riders in the metropolitan region, the incident response  
14 deployment strategy or combination thereof to supplement, not  
15 supplant, existing force strength currently assigned to the  
16 Mass Transit Unit within the Chicago Police Department.

17 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

18 (70 ILCS 3615/2.11.35)

19 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
20 delayed effective date)

21 Sec. 2.11.35. Bus shields.

22 (a) As used in this Section, "security barrier" means a  
23 protective partition made of hard and durable materials  
24 designed to shield a fixed-route bus operator from physical  
25 assault or projectiles while maintaining visibility and

1 communication with passengers, that:

2 (1) extends from the bus floor to the bus ceiling;

3 (2) is capable of fully enclosing the bus operator's  
4 workstation and preventing the unwanted entry of persons,  
5 fluids, and objects into the bus operator's workstation;  
6 and

7 (3) does not impede the bus operator's lines of sight  
8 from the workstation to the exterior of the bus.

9 (b) The bus operator's workstation of any fixed-route bus  
10 operated in revenue service for the Authority, the Chicago  
11 Transportation Authority, and the Suburban Bus Division shall  
12 be equipped with a security barrier as conducive to the  
13 physical limitations of the vehicle.

14 (c) No later than January 1, 2027, the Authority shall  
15 consult with the Chicago Transportation Authority, the  
16 Suburban Bus Division, and representatives from each labor  
17 organization representing Chicago Transportation Authority  
18 fixed-route bus operators and Suburban Bus Division  
19 fixed-route bus operators regarding security barriers,  
20 including design, materials, specifications, selection, and  
21 installation.

22 (d) The Authority, the Chicago Transit ~~Transportation~~  
23 Authority, and the Suburban Bus Division shall complete  
24 installation of security barriers by January 1, 2028 for  
25 vehicles without limitations provided in subsection (b).

26 (e) In the ~~The~~ procurement of new fixed-route buses,

1 ~~operated by the Authority, the Chicago Transit Transportation~~  
2 Authority, and the Suburban Bus Division shall consider the  
3 implementation of security barriers and the safety of bus  
4 operators.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/2.14) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.14)

7 Sec. 2.14. Appointment of officers and employees. The  
8 Authority may appoint, retain, and employ officers, attorneys,  
9 agents, engineers and employees. The officers shall include an  
10 Executive Director, who shall be the chief executive officer  
11 of the Authority, appointed by the Chair with the concurrence  
12 of 11 of the other then Directors of the Board. The initial  
13 Executive Director appointed after this amendatory Act of the  
14 104th General Assembly shall be confirmed by the Senate. Until  
15 July 1, 2030, each Executive Director appointed under this  
16 Section shall be confirmed by the Illinois State Senate ~~until~~.  
17 The Executive Director shall organize the staff of the  
18 Authority, shall allocate their functions and duties, may  
19 transfer such staff to the Service Boards or Transportation  
20 Agencies when deemed necessary or advisable, shall fix  
21 compensation and conditions of employment of the staff of the  
22 Authority, and consistent with the policies of and direction  
23 from the Board, take all actions necessary to achieve its  
24 purposes, fulfill its responsibilities and carry out its  
25 powers, and shall have such other powers and responsibilities

1 as the Board shall determine. The Executive Director must be  
2 an individual of proven transportation and management skills  
3 and may not be a member of the Board. The Authority may employ  
4 its own professional management personnel to provide  
5 professional and technical expertise concerning its purposes  
6 and powers and to assist it in assessing the performance of the  
7 Service Boards in the metropolitan region.

8 No employee, officer, or agent of the Authority may  
9 receive a bonus that exceeds 10% of his or her annual salary  
10 unless that bonus has been reviewed by the Board for a period  
11 of 14 days. After 14 days, the bonus shall be considered  
12 reviewed. This Section does not apply to usual and customary  
13 salary adjustments.

14 No unlawful discrimination, as defined and prohibited in  
15 the Illinois Human Rights Act, shall be made in any term or  
16 aspect of employment nor shall there be discrimination based  
17 upon political reasons or factors. The Authority shall  
18 establish regulations to insure that its discharges shall not  
19 be arbitrary and that hiring and promotion are based on merit.

20 The Authority shall be subject to the Illinois Human  
21 Rights Act and the remedies and procedure established under  
22 that Act. The Authority shall file an affirmative action  
23 program for employment by it with the Department of Human  
24 Rights to ensure that applicants are employed and that  
25 employees are treated during employment, without regard to  
26 unlawful discrimination. Such affirmative action program shall

1 include provisions relating to hiring, upgrading, demotion,  
2 transfer, recruitment, recruitment advertising, selection for  
3 training and rates of pay or other forms of compensation.

4 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

5 (70 ILCS 3615/2.41)

6 Sec. 2.41. Fast-track authority.

7 (a) The Board may designate select projects in the 5-Year  
8 Capital Program to be authorized using a fast-track process to  
9 be approved along with the 5-Year Capital Program.

10 (1) To be considered for fast-track authorization, a  
11 project must meet each of the following criteria:

12 (A) It must have over \$250,000,000 in 5-year  
13 funding programmed in the 5-Year Capital Program.

14 (B) It must have demonstrated local support in the  
15 affected area, as evidenced by comments at public  
16 meetings, letters of support from local officials,  
17 survey responses, or similar expressions of support.

18 (C) It must document benefits from techniques  
19 recognized to lower costs, such as the use of itemized  
20 costs, standardized designs, or increased in-house  
21 staff to manage contracts.

22 (2) The Board shall hold the following hearings for  
23 each fast-track project to demonstrate how the project  
24 meets the eligibility criteria before final approval of  
25 the 5-Year Capital Program. Before adopting a 5-Year

1 Capital Program with one or more fast-track projects, the  
2 Board must meet with and attempt to address concerns  
3 raised by (i) the county board president or county  
4 executive of each county within which any construction  
5 activity for the proposed fast-track projects is to be  
6 conducted; (ii) the mayor of Chicago if any fast-track  
7 project construction activity may occur within Chicago;  
8 and (iii) the Department of Transportation if any  
9 fast-track project construction activity will affect  
10 highway rights-of-way under State jurisdiction.

11 (b) Once the Board has presented the fast-track project,  
12 the Board may approve its fast-track status as part of the  
13 5-year Capital Program. Upon confirmation of fast-track  
14 status, the Authority or the relevant Service Board shall  
15 notify the State and any unit of local government or public  
16 utility affected by any proposed construction, acquisition, or  
17 other activity related to the fast-track project. Any  
18 agreements, such as cost-sharing agreements for utility  
19 relocation, project betterments, and site access, between the  
20 Authority or a Service Board and the State, unit of local  
21 government, private or public utilities, or private property  
22 owners shall be negotiated and executed before fast-track  
23 projects are finalized and construction contracts are  
24 executed.

25 (1) If construction related to the fast-track project  
26 will require access to a roadway or right-of-way that is

1 under the jurisdiction of the State or a unit of local  
2 government, the Authority shall provide notice to the  
3 governmental entity from which the Authority anticipates  
4 seeking right-of-way access upon completion of the  
5 preliminary plan and shall provide updates throughout the  
6 planning stage. Upon completion of final plans, the  
7 Authority shall request access to roadways or  
8 right-of-ways, if necessary, from the government entity  
9 with jurisdiction over the property. The Authority's  
10 request must comply with any existing requirements of the  
11 State or unit of local government for access to its  
12 roadways or, at minimum, include detailed construction  
13 plans, safety measures, and plans for mitigating traffic  
14 and inconvenience caused by the work.

15 Once an access request is received and complete  
16 information has been provided, as determined by the State  
17 or unit of local government from which the Authority seeks  
18 access, the government entity with jurisdiction over the  
19 relevant roadway will have 60 days to process and respond  
20 to the Authority's request. If the State or unit of local  
21 government requires additional information or adjustments  
22 to the Authority's plans, it will work with the Authority  
23 for an additional 45 days to complete its review. If the  
24 State or unit of local government fails or is unable to  
25 approve the Authority's request within 120 days, the  
26 Authority may report the delay to and seek immediate

1 approval from the relevant representative of the State or  
2 unit of local government, which is the Regional Engineer  
3 of the Department of Transportation's District 1 Office if  
4 the request involves a State roadway; the relevant highway  
5 superintendent or county engineer if the request involves  
6 a county roadway; the transportation commissioner if the  
7 request involves a municipality; or the chief executive  
8 officer of the relevant organization if the requests  
9 involves any other local governmental entity.

10 Upon completion of construction, the Authority shall  
11 comply with permit and State or unit of local governmental  
12 requirements and restore the roadway to its previous  
13 condition, unless otherwise agreed to by the State or unit  
14 of local government. The Authority shall provide a survey  
15 of the quality of the relevant infrastructure and shall  
16 allow the State or unit of local government to inspect the  
17 infrastructure. The Authority shall be responsible for any  
18 defect in infrastructure or other damage resulting from  
19 the Authority's actions. The Authority shall either repair  
20 or compensate the State or unit of local government for  
21 any damages resulting from the Authority's actions. Unless  
22 previously agreed, at no point shall the Authority's use  
23 of State or unit of local governmental property be  
24 permanent, create a property interest, or affect the  
25 jurisdiction of the roadway.

26 (2) If a fast-track project requires the removal,

1 relocation, or modification of any facility of a public  
2 utility, the Authority or the relevant Service Board shall  
3 provide reasonable notice to the affected public utility  
4 when the need for removal or relocation becomes known and  
5 shall provide updates throughout the planning stage. Upon  
6 completion of final plans, the Authority shall provide  
7 written notice to each affected public utility of the need  
8 to remove, relocate, or modify its facilities. The notice  
9 shall include detailed construction plans, safety  
10 measures, and plans for mitigating traffic and  
11 inconvenience caused by the work. If public utility  
12 facilities that are subject to removal or relocation are  
13 located within State or county highway rights-of-way, then  
14 the Authority may, with the consent of the State or  
15 appropriate county highway authority, coordinate with the  
16 Department of Transportation or county highway authority,  
17 and the removal or relocation shall be subject to the  
18 terms of the Illinois Highway Code. Any other utility  
19 relocation or removal shall be subject to the terms of  
20 subsection (b) of Section 2.21.

21 Upon receipt of the written notice, the utility shall  
22 prioritize the removal or relocation of the facilities and  
23 shall coordinate with the Authority or the relevant  
24 Service Board to ensure that the removal or relocation is  
25 done safely, efficiently, expeditiously, and without  
26 compromising the service to the Authority or the relevant

1 Service Board or the public. ~~The taking shall occur by~~  
2 ~~condemnation according to law to the extent that the~~  
3 ~~removal or relocation requires the taking of utility~~  
4 ~~property.~~

5 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 7-28-23; 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/2.49)

7 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
8 delayed effective date)

9 Sec. 2.49. Renovations to terminals.

10 (a) The Authority shall remodel, renovate, or construct a  
11 new station at or near the Central Station and the western  
12 entrance at the Lavergne Avenue location on the Blue Line. The  
13 renovated or newly constructed station shall be completed and  
14 open for public operation no later than January 1, 2031.

15 ~~The Authority shall remodel, renovate, or construct a new~~  
16 ~~station at or near the Central station and the western~~  
17 ~~entrance at Leclaire Avenue location on the Blue Line. The~~  
18 ~~renovated or newly constructed station shall be completed and~~  
19 ~~open for public operation no later than January 1, 2029.~~

20 (b) The Authority shall remodel, renovate, or construct a  
21 new station along the Green Line within the Englewood  
22 community area. The renovated or newly constructed station  
23 shall be completed and open for public operation no later than  
24 January 1, 2029.

25 (c) The Authority may enter into intergovernmental

1 agreements with municipalities to share costs for repair and  
2 related right-of-way improvements for bridges used by the  
3 Green Line located outside of the City of Chicago.

4 (d) The Authority may enter into cost-sharing agreements  
5 necessary to carry out the purposes of this Section using  
6 funds appropriated to it and funds made available through  
7 existing capital programs administered by the Department of  
8 Transportation or the Authority.

9 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/2.50 new)

11 Sec. 2.50. Construction contracts; responsible bidder  
12 requirements. To be considered a responsible bidder on a  
13 construction contract for purposes of this Act, a bidder must  
14 comply with all of the following requirements and must present  
15 satisfactory evidence of that compliance to the appropriate  
16 construction agency:

17 (1) The bidder must comply with all applicable laws  
18 concerning the bidder's entitlement to conduct business in  
19 Illinois.

20 (2) The bidder must comply with all applicable  
21 provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act.

22 (3) The bidder must comply with Subchapter VI ("Equal  
23 Employment Opportunities") of Chapter 21 of Title 42 of  
24 the United States Code (42 U.S.C. 2000e and following) and  
25 with Federal Executive Order No. 11246 as amended by

1 Executive Order No. 11375.

2 (4) The bidder must have a valid Federal Employer  
3 Identification Number or, if an individual, a valid Social  
4 Security Number.

5 (5) The bidder must have a valid certificate of  
6 insurance showing the following coverages: general  
7 liability, professional liability, product liability,  
8 workers' compensation, completed operations, hazardous  
9 occupation, and automobile.

10 (6) The bidder and all bidder's subcontractors must  
11 participate in applicable apprenticeship and training  
12 programs approved by and registered with the United States  
13 Department of Labor's Bureau of Apprenticeship and  
14 Training.

15 (7) The bidder must certify that the bidder will  
16 maintain an Illinois office as the primary place of  
17 employment for persons employed in the construction  
18 authorized by the contract. The provisions of this Section  
19 shall not apply to federally funded construction projects  
20 if such application would jeopardize the receipt or use of  
21 federal funds in support of such a project.

22 Construction contracts of the Authority and the Service  
23 Boards that are subject to this Act shall be awarded only to a  
24 bidder that is considered to be a responsible bidder under  
25 this Section.

1 (70 ILCS 3615/3.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.01)

2 Sec. 3.01. Board of Directors. The corporate authorities  
3 and governing body of the Authority shall be a Board  
4 consisting of 13 Directors until April 1, 2008, and 16  
5 Directors thereafter, appointed as follows:

6 (a) Four Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of  
7 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the  
8 City of Chicago, and, only until April 1, 2008, a fifth  
9 director who shall be the Chairman of the Chicago Transit  
10 Authority. After April 1, 2008, the Mayor of the City of  
11 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the  
12 City of Chicago, shall appoint a fifth Director. The Directors  
13 appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago shall not be the  
14 Chairman or a Director of the Chicago Transit Authority. Each  
15 such Director shall reside in the City of Chicago.

16 (b) Four Directors appointed by the votes of a majority of  
17 the members of the Cook County Board elected from districts, a  
18 majority of the electors of which reside outside Chicago.  
19 After April 1, 2008, a fifth Director appointed by the  
20 President of the Cook County Board with the advice and consent  
21 of the members of the Cook County Board. Each Director  
22 appointed under this subparagraph shall reside in that part of  
23 Cook County outside Chicago.

24 (c) Until April 1, 2008, 3 Directors appointed by the  
25 Chairmen of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
26 and Will Counties, as follows:

1           (i) Two Directors appointed by the Chairmen of the  
2           county boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties,  
3           with the concurrence of not less than a majority of the  
4           Chairmen from such counties, from nominees by the  
5           Chairmen. Each such Chairman may nominate not more than 2  
6           persons for each position. Each such Director shall reside  
7           in a county in the metropolitan region other than Cook or  
8           DuPage Counties.

9           (ii) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
10           DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the  
11           DuPage County Board. Such Director shall reside in DuPage  
12           County.

13           (d) After April 1, 2008, 5 Directors appointed by the  
14           Chairmen of the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake and  
15           McHenry Counties and the County Executive of Will County, as  
16           follows:

17           (i) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane  
18           County Board with the advice and consent of the Kane  
19           County Board. Such Director shall reside in Kane County.

20           (ii) One Director appointed by the County Executive of  
21           Will County with the advice and consent of the Will County  
22           Board. Such Director shall reside in Will County.

23           (iii) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
24           DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the  
25           DuPage County Board. Such Director shall reside in DuPage  
26           County.

1           (iv) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
2           Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the Lake  
3           County Board. Such Director shall reside in Lake County.

4           (v) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
5           McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of the  
6           McHenry County Board. Such Director shall reside in  
7           McHenry County.

8           (vi) To implement the changes in appointing authority  
9           under this subparagraph (d) the three Directors appointed  
10           under subparagraph (c) and residing in Lake County, DuPage  
11           County, and Kane County respectively shall each continue  
12           to serve as Director until the expiration of their  
13           respective term of office and until his or her successor  
14           is appointed and qualified or a vacancy occurs in the  
15           office. Thereupon, the appointment shall be made by the  
16           officials given appointing authority with respect to the  
17           Director whose term has expired or office has become  
18           vacant.

19           (e) The Chairman serving on the effective date of this  
20           amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall continue to  
21           serve as Chairman until the expiration of his or her term of  
22           office and until his or her successor is appointed and  
23           qualified or a vacancy occurs in the office. Upon the  
24           expiration or vacancy of the term of the Chairman then serving  
25           upon the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th  
26           General Assembly, the Chairman shall be appointed by the other

1 Directors, by the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the then  
2 Directors with at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who  
3 reside in the City of Chicago, at least 2 affirmative votes  
4 from Directors who reside in Cook County outside the City of  
5 Chicago, and at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who  
6 reside in the Counties of DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, or  
7 McHenry. The chairman shall not be appointed from among the  
8 other Directors. The chairman shall be a resident of the  
9 metropolitan region.

10 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act no Director  
11 shall, while serving as such, be an officer, a member of the  
12 Board of Directors or Trustees or an employee of any Service  
13 Board or transportation agency, or be an employee of the State  
14 of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, or of any  
15 municipality, county, or any other unit of local government or  
16 receive any compensation from any elected or appointed office  
17 under the Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a  
18 Director may be a member of a school board.

19 (g) Each appointment made under this Section and under  
20 Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority to  
21 the Board, which shall maintain the certifications as part of  
22 the official records of the Authority.

23 (h) (Blank).

24 (i) This Section is repealed on September 1, 2026.

25 ~~The corporate authorities and governing and administrative~~  
26 ~~body of the Authority shall be a Board consisting of 20~~

1 ~~Directors appointed as follows:~~

2 ~~(a) Five Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of~~  
3 ~~Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the~~  
4 ~~City of Chicago. Each Director shall reside in the City of~~  
5 ~~Chicago. Directors appointed under this subsection shall~~  
6 ~~include:~~

7 ~~(1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who~~  
8 ~~shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit~~  
9 ~~Authority;~~

10 ~~(2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who~~  
11 ~~shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit~~  
12 ~~Authority;~~

13 ~~(3) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who~~  
14 ~~shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

15 ~~(4) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who~~  
16 ~~shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and~~

17 ~~(5) one Director with an initial term of 5 years.~~

18 ~~(a 5) Five Directors appointed by the Governor of the~~  
19 ~~State of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate.~~  
20 ~~Each Director appointed under this subsection shall reside in~~  
21 ~~the metropolitan region. Directors appointed under this~~  
22 ~~subsection shall include:~~

23 ~~(1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who~~  
24 ~~shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit~~  
25 ~~Authority;~~

26 ~~(2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who~~

1 ~~shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

2 ~~(3) one Director appointed by the Governor, with the~~  
3 ~~advice and consent of the Senate, with an initial term of 5~~  
4 ~~years who shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail~~  
5 ~~Board;~~

6 ~~(4) one Director with an initial term of 5 years; and~~

7 ~~(5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years.~~

8 ~~(b) Five Directors appointed by the President of the Cook~~  
9 ~~County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of~~  
10 ~~the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including:~~

11 ~~(1) one Director representing those communities in~~  
12 ~~Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and~~  
13 ~~north of Devon Avenue who shall reside in the area the~~  
14 ~~Director represents, serve an initial term of 3 years, and~~  
15 ~~serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

16 ~~(2) one Director representing those communities in~~  
17 ~~Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south~~  
18 ~~of Devon Avenue, and north of Interstate 55, and in~~  
19 ~~addition the Village of Summit who shall reside in the~~  
20 ~~area the Director represents, serve an initial term of 5~~  
21 ~~years, and serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

22 ~~(3) one Director representing those communities in~~  
23 ~~Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south~~  
24 ~~of Interstate 55, and west of the Interstate 57, excluding~~  
25 ~~the communities of Summit, Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins,~~  
26 ~~Midlothian, Oak Forest, and Tinley Park who shall reside~~

1 ~~in the area the Director represents, serve an initial term~~  
2 ~~of 3 years, and serve as a director of the Commuter Rail~~  
3 ~~Board;~~

4 ~~(4) one Director representing those communities in~~  
5 ~~Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and~~  
6 ~~east of Interstate 57, and, in addition, the communities~~  
7 ~~of Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins, Midlothian, Oak Forest, and~~  
8 ~~Tinley Park who shall reside in the area the Director~~  
9 ~~represents, serve an initial term of 5 years, and serve as~~  
10 ~~a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and~~

11 ~~(5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who~~  
12 ~~shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit~~  
13 ~~Authority.~~

14 ~~(b 5) Five Directors appointed by the chair of the county~~  
15 ~~boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, and Will counties. Each~~  
16 ~~chair shall appoint one Director for the chair's county, with~~  
17 ~~the advice and consent of the chair's county board. Each~~  
18 ~~Director shall reside in the county from which the Director is~~  
19 ~~appointed. Directors appointed under this subsection shall~~  
20 ~~include:~~

21 ~~(1) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the~~  
22 ~~DuPage County Board with an initial term of 5 years who~~  
23 ~~shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

24 ~~(2) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane~~  
25 ~~County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall~~  
26 ~~serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;~~

1           ~~(3) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake~~  
2           ~~County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall~~  
3           ~~serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board;~~

4           ~~(4) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the~~  
5           ~~McHenry County Board with an initial term of 5 years who~~  
6           ~~shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and~~

7           ~~(5) one Director appointed by the County Executive of~~  
8           ~~Will County Board who shall reside in Will County, serve~~  
9           ~~an initial term of 3 years, and serve as a director of the~~  
10          ~~Suburban Bus Board.~~

11          ~~(b 10) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors~~  
12          ~~-serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the~~  
13          ~~104th General Assembly and of any directors appointed to fill~~  
14          ~~a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board~~  
15          ~~occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be~~  
16          ~~filled under Section 3.03. Directors serving on the effective~~  
17          ~~date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may~~  
18          ~~be reappointed.~~

19          ~~(b 15) Within 120 days of the effective date of this~~  
20          ~~amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the appointing~~  
21          ~~authorities shall appoint, with the advice and consent~~  
22          ~~required under this Section, a new Board of the Authority.~~  
23          ~~Directors have been appointed when appointments are filed with~~  
24          ~~and accepted by the Secretary of State in accordance with~~  
25          ~~subsection (g). The initial Directors appointed after the~~  
26          ~~effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General~~

1 ~~Assembly shall serve terms of office beginning on September 1,~~  
2 ~~2026.~~

3 ~~(b-20) On the first meeting of the Board the Directors~~  
4 ~~after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th~~  
5 ~~General Assembly, the Board of Directors shall, by majority~~  
6 ~~vote, elect a Director to serve as Chair of the Board. All~~  
7 ~~subsequent Chairs of the Board shall be elected by a majority~~  
8 ~~vote by the Directors of the Board from among the Directors.~~  
9 ~~Until September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Board must be~~  
10 ~~confirmed by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the~~  
11 ~~Directors elect a Chair of the Board, then the elected Chair of~~  
12 ~~the Board may serve as a the acting Chair of the Board until~~  
13 ~~confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the Senate votes~~  
14 ~~against confirming the acting Chair of the Board, then the~~  
15 ~~acting Chair of the Board must resign and the Directors must~~  
16 ~~elect a new Chair of the Board.~~

17 ~~(b-25) The subsequent terms of each Director appointed~~  
18 ~~after September 1, 2026 shall be 5 years.~~

19 ~~(c) (Blank).~~

20 ~~(d) (Blank).~~

21 ~~(e) (Blank).~~

22 ~~(f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no Director~~  
23 ~~shall, while serving as such, be an officer, member of the~~  
24 ~~Board of Directors or Trustees, an employee of any Service~~  
25 ~~Board or Transportation Agency, or an employee of the State,~~  
26 ~~any department or agency of the State, or any municipality,~~

1 ~~county, or other unit of local government or receive any~~  
2 ~~compensation from any elected or appointed office under the~~  
3 ~~Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a Director may~~  
4 ~~be a member of a school board, a member of the National Guard,~~  
5 ~~or, if the Director is also a member of the Suburban Bus Board,~~  
6 ~~an elected officer of a municipality.~~

7 ~~(g) Each appointment made under this Section and under~~  
8 ~~Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority~~  
9 ~~and filed with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the~~  
10 ~~Board. The Secretary of the Board shall maintain the~~  
11 ~~certifications as part of the official records of the~~  
12 ~~Authority.~~

13 ~~(h) (Blank).~~

14 ~~(i) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant~~  
15 ~~experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,~~  
16 ~~operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,~~  
17 ~~including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and~~  
18 ~~regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor~~  
19 ~~and workforce development, business management, public~~  
20 ~~administration, transportation, and community organizations.~~

21 ~~(j) Those responsible for appointing Directors shall~~  
22 ~~strive to assemble a set of Directors that, to the greatest~~  
23 ~~extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,~~  
24 ~~racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.~~

25 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.02)

2 Sec. 3A.02. Suburban Bus Board.

3 (a) The governing body of the Suburban Bus Division shall  
4 be the Suburban Bus Board. Until September 1, 2026, the  
5 Suburban Bus Board shall consist of 13 directors appointed as  
6 follows:

7 (1) (a) Six Directors appointed by the members of the  
8 Cook County Board elected from that part of Cook County  
9 outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board of  
10 Commissioners becomes elected from single member  
11 districts, by those Commissioners elected from districts,  
12 a majority of the residents of which reside outside of  
13 Chicago from the chief executive officers of the  
14 municipalities, of that portion of Cook County outside of  
15 Chicago. Provided however, that:

16 (A) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
17 executive officer of a municipality within the area of  
18 the Northwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

19 (B) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
20 executive officer of a municipality within the area of  
21 the North Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

22 (C) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
23 executive officer of a municipality within the area of  
24 the North Shore Region defined in Section 3A.13;

25 (D) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
26 executive officer of a municipality within the area of

1 the Central Region defined in Section 3A.13;

2 (E) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
3 executive officer of a municipality within the area of  
4 the Southwest Region defined in Section 3A.13;

5 (F) One of the Directors shall be the chief  
6 executive officer of a municipality within the area of  
7 the South Region defined in Section 3A.13;

8 (2) One Director by the Chairman of the Kane County  
9 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a  
10 municipality within Kane County;

11 (3) One Director by the Chairman of the Lake County  
12 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a  
13 municipality within Lake County;

14 (4) One Director by the Chairman of the DuPage County  
15 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a  
16 municipality within DuPage County;

17 (5) One Director by the Chairman of the McHenry County  
18 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a  
19 municipality within McHenry County;

20 (6) One Director by the Chairman of the Will County  
21 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a  
22 municipality within Will County;

23 (7) The Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People  
24 with Disabilities, from the City of Chicago, who shall  
25 serve as an ex officio member; and

26 (8) The Chairman by the Governor for the initial term,

1 and thereafter by a majority of the Chairmen of the  
2 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will County Boards and the  
3 members of the Cook County Board elected from that part of  
4 Cook County outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board  
5 of Commissioners is elected from single member districts,  
6 by those Commissioners elected from districts, a majority  
7 of the electors of which reside outside of Chicago; and  
8 who after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
9 95th General Assembly may not be a resident of the City of  
10 Chicago.

11 (b) Beginning September 1, 2026, the board shall consist  
12 of 11 directors appointed as follows:

13 (1) One director appointed by the Governor, with the  
14 advice and consent of the Senate. The director appointed  
15 under this paragraph shall have an initial term of 3  
16 years. The director appointed under this paragraph shall  
17 also serve as a Director of the Northern Illinois Transit  
18 Authority.

19 (2) Two directors appointed by the Mayor of Chicago  
20 with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City  
21 of Chicago, including:

22 (A) a director with an initial term of 5 years who  
23 shall serve as a Director on the Board of the  
24 Authority; and

25 (B) a director with an initial term of 3 years.

26 (3) Three directors appointed by the President of the

1 Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and  
2 consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners,  
3 including:

4 (A) a director with an initial term of 5 years who  
5 shall serve as a Director on the Board of the  
6 Authority;

7 (B) a director with an initial term of 3 years who  
8 shall serve as a Director on the Board of the  
9 Authority; and

10 (C) a director with an initial term of 5 years.

11 (4) One director appointed by the Chairman of the  
12 DuPage County Board. The director appointed under this  
13 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 ~~3~~ years. The  
14 director appointed under this paragraph shall also serve  
15 as a Director on the Board of the Authority.

16 (5) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane  
17 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph  
18 shall have an initial term of 3 ~~5~~ years. The director  
19 appointed under this paragraph shall also serve as a  
20 Director on the Board of the Authority.

21 (6) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake  
22 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph  
23 shall have an initial term of 5 years.

24 (7) One director appointed by the Chairman of the  
25 McHenry County Board. The director appointed under this  
26 paragraph shall have an initial term of 3 years.

1           (8) One director appointed by the County Executive of  
2           the Will County Board. The director appointed under this  
3           paragraph shall reside in Will County. The director  
4           appointed under this paragraph shall have an initial term  
5           of 5 years. The director appointed under this paragraph  
6           shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the  
7           Authority.

8           (c) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under  
9           subsection (b) shall be 5 years.

10           (d) The Chair of the Suburban Bus Board shall be elected by  
11           a majority vote by the directors of the Suburban Bus Board from  
12           among the directors of the Suburban Bus Board. Until September  
13           1, 2030, the Chair of the Suburban Bus Board must be approved  
14           by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the directors of the  
15           Suburban Bus Board elect a Chair of the Suburban Bus Board,  
16           then the elected Chair of the Suburban Bus Board may serve as ~~a~~  
17           the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board until confirmation.  
18           Until September 1, 2030, if the Senate votes against  
19           confirming the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board, then  
20           the acting Chair of the Suburban Bus Board must resign and the  
21           directors of the Suburban Bus Board must elect a new Chair of  
22           the Suburban Bus Board.

23           (e) Initial appointments of directors under subsection (b)  
24           must be made in time for the directors to begin their terms on  
25           September 1, 2026.

26           (e-5) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no

1 Director appointed under subsection (b) shall, while serving  
2 as such, be an officer, a member of the Board of Directors or  
3 Trustees, or an employee of any other Service Board or  
4 Transportation Agency, or an employee of the State, any  
5 department or agency of the State, or any municipality,  
6 county, or other unit of local government, or receive any  
7 compensation from any elected or appointed office under the  
8 Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a Director may  
9 be a mayor of a municipality, a member of a school board, or a  
10 member of the National Guard.

11 (f) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors  
12 appointed under subsection (a) and of any directors appointed  
13 to fill a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the  
14 Suburban Bus Board occurs before September 1, 2026, then the  
15 vacancy shall be filled under Section 3A.03. Directors  
16 appointed under subsection (a) may be reappointed under  
17 subsection (b).

18 (g) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant  
19 experience or expertise in overseeing the planning, operation,  
20 or funding of a public transportation system, including, but  
21 not limited to, backgrounds in urban and regional planning,  
22 management of large capital projects, labor and workforce  
23 development, business management, public administration,  
24 transportation, and transit and ridership advocacy.

25 (h) Those responsible for appointing directors shall  
26 strive to assemble a set of directors that, to the greatest

1 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,  
2 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

3 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

4 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.06) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.06)

5 Sec. 3A.06. Compensation. The members of the Suburban Bus  
6 Board shall receive an annual salary of \$15,000, except that  
7 members of the Suburban Bus Board who are also members of the  
8 Board of the Authority shall receive \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ per year  
9 in addition to the compensation the members receive for  
10 serving on the Board of the Authority. Each member shall be  
11 reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in the performance of  
12 his duties, not to exceed \$5,000 ~~\$5000~~ per year.

13 Officers of the Division shall not be required to comply  
14 with the requirements of the Public Funds Statement  
15 Publication Act.

16 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

17 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.10.5)

18 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
19 delayed effective date)

20 Sec. 3A.10.5. Budget and program. The Suburban Bus Board,  
21 subject to the powers of the Authority, including the budget  
22 review powers contained in Section 4.01 of the Northern  
23 Illinois Transit Authority Act, shall by ordinance appropriate  
24 money to perform the Division's purposes and provide for

1 payment of debts and expenses of the Division. Each year, as  
2 part of the process set forth in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~, the  
3 Authority shall prepare and publish a comprehensive annual  
4 budget and proposed 5-year Capital Program document, and a  
5 financial plan for the 2 years thereafter describing the state  
6 of the Division and presenting for the forthcoming fiscal year  
7 and the 2 following years the Division's plans for such  
8 operations and capital expenditures as it intends to undertake  
9 and the means by which it intends to finance them. The proposed  
10 budget, financial plan, and 5-year Capital Program shall be  
11 based on the Authority's estimate of funds to be made  
12 available to the Suburban Bus Board by or through the  
13 Authority and shall conform in all respects to the  
14 requirements established by the Authority. The proposed  
15 budget, financial plan, and 5-year Capital Program shall  
16 contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand at the  
17 beginning of the fiscal year, the funds estimated to be  
18 received from all sources for such year and the funds  
19 estimated to be on hand at the end of such year. The fiscal  
20 year of the Division shall be the same as the fiscal year of  
21 the Authority. The proposed budget, financial plan, and 5-year  
22 Capital Program shall be included in the Authority's public  
23 hearings under Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~. The budget, financial plan,  
24 and 5-year Capital Program shall then be finalized by the  
25 Authority as provided in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~. The ordinance  
26 adopted by the Authority as provided in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~

1 shall appropriate such sums of money as are deemed necessary  
2 to defray all necessary expenses and obligations of the  
3 Division, specifying purposes and the objects or programs for  
4 which appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for  
5 each object or program. Additional appropriations, transfers  
6 between items and other changes in such ordinance which do not  
7 alter the basis upon which the balanced budget determination  
8 was made by the Board of the Authority may be made from time to  
9 time by the Suburban Bus Board. The Suburban Bus Board shall  
10 not (i) use any funds in its budget, or in reserves, allocated  
11 for operational expenses to fund capital projects or (ii)  
12 transfer moneys from any funds in its budget, or in reserves,  
13 allocated for operational expenses to an account primarily  
14 used to fund capital projects.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

16 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15.5)

17 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
18 delayed effective date)

19 Sec. 3A.15.5. Visitor paratransit service.

20 (a) Upon certifying that a person is eligible to receive  
21 complementary paratransit services under 49 CFR Part 37,  
22 Subpart F or within 10 business days after receiving a  
23 certified person's request for documentation of eligibility  
24 for those services, the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
25 or, until December 31, 2029, the Suburban Bus Board shall

1 provide the person with documentation of the person's  
2 certification of eligibility for those services.

3 (b) If a person provides the Suburban Bus Board with  
4 documentation of the person's certification of eligibility to  
5 receive complementary paratransit services under 49 CFR Part  
6 37, Subpart F, then the Suburban Bus Board shall provide those  
7 services to the person within one business day after receiving  
8 the documentation.

9 (c) The procedures used by the Northern Illinois Transit  
10 Authority or, until December 31, 2029, the Suburban Bus Board  
11 to document a person's certification of eligibility for  
12 complementary paratransit services under 49 CFR Part 37,  
13 Subpart F shall not require the disclosure or recording of any  
14 specific information about an individual's disability.

15 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

16 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.18)

17 Sec. 3A.18. Employment contracts. Except as otherwise  
18 provided in Section 3A.14, before the Suburban Bus Board may  
19 enter into or amend any employment contract in excess of  
20 \$200,000 ~~\$100,000~~, the Suburban Bus Board must submit that  
21 contract or amendment to the Board for review for a period of  
22 14 days. After 14 days, the contract shall be considered  
23 reviewed. This Section applies only to contracts entered into  
24 or amended on or after the effective date of this amendatory  
25 Act of the 98th General Assembly.

1 (Source: P.A. 98-1027, eff. 1-1-15.)

2 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.02.5)

3 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
4 delayed effective date)

5 Sec. 3B.02.5. Commuter Rail Board.

6 (a) The governing body of the Commuter Rail Division shall  
7 be the Commuter Rail Board. Beginning September 1, 2026, the  
8 Commuter Rail Board shall consist of 11 directors appointed as  
9 follows:

10 (1) One director appointed by the Governor, with the  
11 advice and consent of the Senate. The director appointed  
12 under this paragraph shall have an initial term of 5  
13 years. The director appointed under this paragraph shall  
14 also serve as a Director of the Northern Illinois Transit  
15 Authority.

16 (2) Two directors appointed by the Mayor of Chicago  
17 with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City  
18 of Chicago, including:

19 (A) a director with an initial term of 3 years who  
20 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the  
21 Authority; and

22 (B) a director with an initial term of 5 years.

23 (3) Three directors appointed by the President of the  
24 Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and  
25 consent of the Cook County Board of Commissioners,

1 including:

2 (A) a director with an initial term of 3 years who  
3 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the  
4 Authority;

5 (B) a director with an initial term of 5 years who  
6 shall also serve as a Director on the Board of the  
7 Authority; and

8 (C) a director with an initial term of 3 years.

9 (4) One director appointed by the Chairman of the  
10 DuPage County Board. The director appointed under this  
11 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 years.

12 (5) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane  
13 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph  
14 shall have an initial term of 3 years.

15 (6) One director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake  
16 County Board. The director appointed under this paragraph  
17 shall have an initial term of 3 years. The director  
18 appointed under this paragraph shall also serve as a  
19 Director on the Board of the Authority.

20 (7) One director appointed by the Chairman of the  
21 McHenry County Board. The director appointed under this  
22 paragraph shall have an initial term of 5 years. The  
23 director appointed under this paragraph shall also serve  
24 as a Director on the Board of the Authority.

25 (8) One director appointed by the County Executive of  
26 Will County. The director appointed under this paragraph

1 shall reside in Will County. The director appointed under  
2 this paragraph shall have an initial term of 3 years.

3 (b) The subsequent terms of each director appointed under  
4 subsection (a) shall be 5 years.

5 (c) The Chair of the Commuter Rail Board shall be elected  
6 by a majority vote by the directors of the Commuter Rail Board  
7 from among the directors of the Commuter Rail Board. Until  
8 September 1, 2030, the Chair of the Commuter Rail Board must be  
9 approved by the Senate. Until September 1, 2030, if the  
10 directors of the Commuter Rail Board elect a Chair of the  
11 Commuter Rail Board, then the elected Chair of the Commuter  
12 Rail Board may serve as ~~a~~ the acting Chair of the Commuter Rail  
13 Board until confirmation. Until September 1, 2030, if the  
14 Senate votes against confirming the acting Chair of the  
15 Commuter Rail Board, then the acting Chair of the Commuter  
16 Rail Board must resign and the directors of the Commuter Rail  
17 Board must elect a new Chair of the Commuter Rail Board.

18 (d) Initial appointments of directors under subsection (a)  
19 must be made in time for the directors to begin their terms on  
20 September 1, 2026.

21 (e) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors  
22 serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
23 104th General Assembly and of any directors appointed to fill  
24 a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board  
25 occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be  
26 filled under Section 3B.03. Directors serving on the effective

1 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may  
2 be reappointed under subsection (a).

3 (f) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant  
4 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,  
5 operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,  
6 including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and  
7 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor  
8 and workforce development, business management, public  
9 administration, transportation, and community organizations.  
10 Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no Director shall,  
11 while serving as such, be an officer, a member of the Board of  
12 Directors or Trustees, an employee of any other Service Board  
13 or Transportation Agency, or an employee of the State, any  
14 department or agency of the State thereof, or any  
15 municipality, county, or other unit of local government or  
16 receive any compensation from any elected or appointed office  
17 under the Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a  
18 Director may be a member of a school board or a member of the  
19 National Guard.

20 (g) Those responsible for appointing directors shall  
21 strive to assemble a set of directors that, to the greatest  
22 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,  
23 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

24 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1           Sec. 3B.06. Compensation. Directors of the Commuter Rail  
2 Board shall receive an annual salary of \$15,000, except that  
3 members of the Commuter Rail Board that are also members of the  
4 Board of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority shall receive  
5 \$10,000 ~~\$5,000~~ per year in addition to the compensation the  
6 member receives for serving on the Board of the Northern  
7 Illinois Transit Authority. Each member shall be reimbursed  
8 for actual expenses incurred in the performance of his duties.

9           Officers of the Division shall not be required to comply  
10 with the requirements of "An Act requiring certain custodians  
11 of public monies to file and publish statements of the  
12 receipts and disbursements thereof", approved June 24, 1919,  
13 as now or hereafter amended.

14         (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

15           (70 ILCS 3615/3B.10.5)

16           (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
17 delayed effective date)

18           Sec. 3B.10.5. Budget and program. The Commuter Rail Board,  
19 subject to the powers of the Authority, including the budget  
20 review powers contained in Section 4.01 of the Northern  
21 Illinois Transit Authority Act, shall by ordinance appropriate  
22 money to perform the Division's purposes and provide for  
23 payment of debts and expenses of the Division. Each year, as  
24 part of the process set forth in Section 4.11, the Authority  
25 shall prepare and publish a comprehensive annual budget and

1 proposed 5-year Capital Program document, and a financial plan  
2 for the 2 years thereafter describing the state of the  
3 Division and presenting for the forthcoming fiscal year and  
4 the 2 following years the Division's plans for such operations  
5 and capital expenditures as it intends to undertake and the  
6 means by which it intends to finance them. The proposed  
7 budget, financial plan, and 5-year Capital Program shall be  
8 based on the Authority's estimate of funds to be made  
9 available to the Commuter Rail Board by or through the  
10 Authority and shall conform in all respects to the  
11 requirements established by the Authority. The proposed  
12 budget, financial plan, and 5-year Capital Program shall  
13 contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand at the  
14 beginning of the fiscal year, the funds estimated to be  
15 received from all sources for such year and the funds  
16 estimated to be on hand at the end of such year. The fiscal  
17 year of the Division shall be the same as the fiscal year of  
18 the Authority. The proposed budget, financial plan, and 5-year  
19 Capital Program shall be included in the Authority's public  
20 hearings under Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~. The budget, financial plan,  
21 and 5-year Capital Program shall then be finalized by the  
22 Authority as provided in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~. The ordinance  
23 adopted by the Authority as provided in Section 4.01 ~~4.11~~  
24 shall appropriate such sums of money as are deemed necessary  
25 to defray all necessary expenses and obligations of the  
26 Division, specifying purposes and the objects or programs for

1 which appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for  
2 each object or program. Additional appropriations, transfers  
3 between items and other changes in such ordinance which do not  
4 alter the basis upon which the balanced budget determination  
5 was made by the Board of the Authority may be made from time to  
6 time by the Commuter Rail Board. The Commuter Rail Board shall  
7 not (i) use any funds in its budget, or in reserves, allocated  
8 for operational expenses to fund capital projects or (ii)  
9 transfer moneys from any funds in its budget, or in reserves,  
10 allocated for operational expenses to an account primarily  
11 used to fund capital projects.

12 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

13 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.26)

14 Sec. 3B.26. Employment contracts. Except as otherwise  
15 provided in Section 3B.13, before the Commuter Rail Board may  
16 enter into or amend any employment contract in excess of  
17 \$200,000 ~~\$100,000~~, the Commuter Rail Board must submit that  
18 contract or amendment to the Board for review for a period of  
19 14 days. After 14 days, the contract shall be considered  
20 reviewed. This Section applies only to contracts entered into  
21 or amended on or after the effective date of this amendatory  
22 Act of the 98th General Assembly.

23 Before the Board of the Authority may enter into or amend  
24 any employment contract in excess of \$100,000, the Board must  
25 submit that contract to the Chairman and Minority Spokesman of

1 the Transportation Regulations Roads and Bridges Committee, or  
2 its successor committee, of the House of Representatives, and  
3 to the Chairman and Minority Spokesman of the Transportation  
4 Committee, or its successor committee, of the Senate.

5 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/4.01)

7 Sec. 4.01. Budget and program.

8 (a) The Board shall control the finances of the Authority.

9 It shall, by ordinance adopted by a supermajority vote:

10 (1) appropriate money to perform the Authority's  
11 purposes and provide for payment of debts and expenses of  
12 the Authority;

13 (2) until the new budget process under subsection  
14 (a-20) is implemented on January 1, 2027, take action with  
15 respect to the budget and 2-year financial plan of each  
16 Service Board, as provided in Section 4.11; and

17 (3) until the new budget process under subsection  
18 (a-20) is implemented on January 1, 2027, adopt an Annual  
19 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan for the Authority that  
20 includes the Annual Budget and 2-Year financial plan of  
21 each Service Board that has been approved by the  
22 Authority.

23 (a-5) The Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan shall  
24 contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand for  
25 the Authority and each Service Board at the beginning of the

1 fiscal year, the funds estimated to be received from all  
2 sources for such year, the estimated expenses and obligations  
3 of the Authority and each Service Board for all purposes,  
4 including expenses for contributions to be made with respect  
5 to pension and other employee benefits, and the funds  
6 estimated to be on hand at the end of such year.

7 (a-10) The fiscal year of the Authority and each Service  
8 Board shall begin on January 1st and end on the succeeding  
9 December 31st.

10 (a-15) Until January 1, 2027, the Annual Budget and 2-Year  
11 Financial Plan shall be prepared as follows:

12 (1) By July 1st of each year the Director of the  
13 Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall  
14 submit to the Authority an estimate of revenues for the  
15 next fiscal year of the Authority to be collected from the  
16 taxes imposed by the Authority and the amounts to be  
17 available in the Public Transportation Fund and the  
18 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
19 Replacement Fund and the amounts otherwise to be  
20 appropriated by the State to the Authority for its  
21 purposes. Before a proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year  
22 Financial Plan is adopted, the Authority shall hold at  
23 least one public hearing in the metropolitan region and  
24 meet with the county board, or its designee, of each of the  
25 counties in the metropolitan region. After an Annual  
26 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan is adopted, the Authority

1 shall file a copy of the Annual Budget and 2-Year  
2 Financial Plan with the General Assembly and the Governor.

3 (2) After conducting the hearings and holding the  
4 meetings required under this subsection and after making  
5 the changes in the proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year  
6 Financial Plan that the Authority deems appropriate, the  
7 Board shall adopt its annual appropriation and Annual  
8 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan ordinance before December  
9 31 ~~November 30~~. The ordinance may be adopted by the Board  
10 only upon a supermajority vote. The ordinance shall  
11 appropriate the sums of money as are deemed necessary to  
12 defray all necessary expenses and obligations of the  
13 Authority and the Service Boards, specifying the purposes  
14 and the objects or programs for which appropriations are  
15 made and the amount appropriated for each object or  
16 program. Additional appropriations, transfers between  
17 items and other changes in the ordinance may be made from  
18 time to time by the Board upon a supermajority vote.

19 (a-20) Beginning January 1, 2027, the Annual Budget and  
20 2-Year Financial Plan shall be prepared as follows:

21 (1) By July 1 of each year the Director of the Illinois  
22 Governor's Office of Management and Budget shall submit to  
23 the Authority an estimate of revenues for the next fiscal  
24 year of the Authority to be collected from the taxes  
25 imposed by the Authority and the amounts to be available  
26 in the Public Transportation Fund and the Northern

1 Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
2 Replacement Fund and the amounts otherwise to be  
3 appropriated by the State to the Authority for its  
4 purposes. Before the Board may adopt its annual  
5 appropriation and Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan  
6 ordinance, based on the information provided by the  
7 Director of the Illinois Governor's Office of Management  
8 and Budget and the estimates of amounts to be available  
9 from the State and other sources to the Service Boards,  
10 the Board shall advise each Service Board on the amounts  
11 estimated to be available for the Service Board during the  
12 upcoming fiscal year and the 2 following fiscal years and  
13 the times at which the amounts shall be available.

14 (2) Before the Board may adopt its annual  
15 appropriation and Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan  
16 ordinance, the Board shall provide the Service Boards with  
17 a proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan. At the  
18 same time that it provides a copy of the proposed Annual  
19 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan to the Service Boards,  
20 the Board shall make the proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year  
21 Financial Plan budget available to the public on its  
22 website. The Authority shall hold at least 3 public  
23 hearings on the proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year  
24 Financial Plan in Cook County and at least one public  
25 hearing in each of the other counties in the metropolitan  
26 region. In addition, the Authority shall meet with the

1 county board, or its designee, of each of the counties in  
2 the metropolitan region.

3 (3) Before the Board adopts the Authority's annual  
4 appropriation and Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan  
5 ordinance, the Service Boards shall review the proposed  
6 Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan and shall adopt,  
7 by the affirmative vote of a majority of each Service  
8 Board's then Directors, a budget recommendation ordinance  
9 describing any modifications to the Board's proposed  
10 Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan that are deemed  
11 necessary by the Service Boards to provide the service  
12 described in the regionwide Service Plan adopted by the  
13 Authority.

14 (4) After conducting the hearings and holding the  
15 meetings required under this subsection and after making  
16 the changes in the proposed Annual Budget and 2-Year  
17 Financial Plan as the Authority deems appropriate, the  
18 Authority shall adopt its annual appropriation and Annual  
19 Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan ordinance. The ordinance  
20 may be adopted only upon a supermajority vote. The  
21 ordinance shall appropriate such sums of money as are  
22 deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and  
23 obligations of the Authority and the Service Boards,  
24 specifying purposes and the objects or programs for which  
25 appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for  
26 each object or program. Additional appropriations,

1 transfers between items and other changes in such  
2 ordinance may be made from time to time by the Board upon a  
3 supermajority vote.

4 (b) The Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan shall show  
5 a balance between anticipated revenues from all sources and  
6 anticipated expenses including funding of operating deficits  
7 or the discharge of encumbrances incurred in prior periods and  
8 payment of principal and interest when due, and shall show  
9 cash balances sufficient to pay with reasonable promptness all  
10 obligations and expenses as incurred.

11 (b-3) The Authority shall file a copy of its Annual Budget  
12 and 2-Year Financial Plan with the General Assembly and the  
13 Governor after its adoption. ~~and 2026, and 2026~~

14 The Authority shall file a statement certifying that the  
15 Service Boards published the data described in subsection  
16 (b-5) with the General Assembly and the Governor after  
17 adoption of the Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan  
18 required by subsection (a). If the Authority fails to file a  
19 statement certifying publication of the data, then the  
20 appropriations to the Department of Transportation for grants  
21 to the Authority intended to reimburse the Service Boards for  
22 providing free and reduced fares shall be withheld.

23 (b-5) Each fiscal year, the Service Boards must publish a  
24 monthly comprehensive set of data regarding transit service  
25 and safety. The data included shall include information to  
26 track operations including:

1           (1) staffing levels, including numbers of budgeted  
2 positions, current positions employed, hired staff,  
3 attrition, staff in training, and absenteeism rates;

4           (2) scheduled service and delivered service, including  
5 percentage of scheduled service delivered by day, service  
6 by mode of transportation, service by route and rail line,  
7 total number of revenue miles driven, excess wait times by  
8 day, by mode of transportation, by bus route, and by stop;  
9 and

10          (3) safety on the system, including the number of  
11 incidents of crime and code of conduct violations on  
12 system, any performance measures used to evaluate the  
13 effectiveness of investments in private security, safety  
14 equipment, and other security investments in the system.  
15 If no performance measures exist to evaluate the  
16 effectiveness of these safety investments, the Service  
17 Boards and Authority shall develop and publish these  
18 performance measures.

19          The Authority and Service Boards shall solicit input and  
20 ideas on publishing data on the service reliability,  
21 operations, and safety of the system from the public and  
22 groups representing transit riders, workers, and businesses.

23          (c) The actual administrative expenses of the Authority  
24 for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1985 may not exceed  
25 \$5,000,000. The actual administrative expenses of the  
26 Authority for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1986, and

1 for each fiscal year thereafter shall not exceed the maximum  
2 administrative expenses for the previous fiscal year plus 5%,  
3 except that this limitation shall not apply to fiscal years  
4 beginning on January 1, 2026, and ending on or before December  
5 31, 2027. "Administrative expenses" are defined for purposes  
6 of this Section as all expenses except: (1) capital expenses  
7 and purchases of the Authority on behalf of the Service  
8 Boards; (2) payments to Service Boards; and (3) payment of  
9 principal and interest on bonds, notes or other evidence of  
10 obligation for borrowed money issued by the Authority; (4)  
11 costs for passenger security including grants, contracts,  
12 personnel, equipment and administrative expenses; (5) payments  
13 with respect to public transportation facilities made pursuant  
14 to subsection (b) of Section 2.20 of this Act; and (6) any  
15 payments with respect to rate protection contracts, credit  
16 enhancements or liquidity agreements made pursuant to Section  
17 4.14.

18 (d) This subsection becomes inoperative on January 1,  
19 2027. This subsection applies only until the Department begins  
20 administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section  
21 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the 95th  
22 General Assembly. After withholding 15% of the proceeds of any  
23 tax imposed by the Authority and 15% of money received by the  
24 Authority from the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
25 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund, the Board shall  
26 allocate the proceeds and money remaining to the Service

1 Boards as follows: (1) an amount equal to 85% of the proceeds  
2 of those taxes collected within the City of Chicago and 85% of  
3 the money received by the Authority on account of transfers to  
4 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
5 Replacement Fund from the County and Mass Transit District  
6 Fund attributable to retail sales within the City of Chicago  
7 shall be allocated to the Chicago Transit Authority; (2) an  
8 amount equal to 85% of the proceeds of those taxes collected  
9 within Cook County outside the City of Chicago and 85% of the  
10 money received by the Authority on account of transfers to the  
11 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
12 Replacement Fund from the County and Mass Transit District  
13 Fund attributable to retail sales within Cook County outside  
14 of the city of Chicago shall be allocated 30% to the Chicago  
15 Transit Authority, 55% to the Commuter Rail Board and 15% to  
16 the Suburban Bus Board; and (3) an amount equal to 85% of the  
17 proceeds of the taxes collected within the Counties of DuPage,  
18 Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will shall be allocated 70% to the  
19 Commuter Rail Board and 30% to the Suburban Bus Board.

20 (e) This subsection becomes inoperative on January 1,  
21 2027. This subsection applies only until the Department begins  
22 administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section  
23 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the 95th  
24 General Assembly. Moneys received by the Authority on account  
25 of transfers to the Northern Illinois Transit Authority  
26 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and

1 Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall be allocated among the  
2 Authority and the Service Boards as follows: 15% of such  
3 moneys shall be retained by the Authority and the remaining  
4 85% shall be transferred to the Service Boards as soon as may  
5 be practicable after the Authority receives payment. Moneys  
6 which are distributable to the Service Boards pursuant to the  
7 preceding sentence shall be allocated among the Service Boards  
8 on the basis of each Service Board's distribution ratio. The  
9 term "distribution ratio" means, for purposes of this  
10 subsection (e) of this Section 4.01, the ratio of the total  
11 amount distributed to a Service Board pursuant to subsection  
12 (d) of Section 4.01 for the immediately preceding calendar  
13 year to the total amount distributed to all of the Service  
14 Boards pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 4.01 for the  
15 immediately preceding calendar year.

16 (f) To carry out its duties and responsibilities under  
17 this Act, the Board shall employ staff which shall:

18 (1) propose for adoption by the Board of the Authority  
19 rules for the Service Boards that establish (i) forms and  
20 schedules to be used and information required to be  
21 provided with respect to a 5-Year Capital Program, an  
22 Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan, and each Service  
23 Board's annual budget and 2-year financial plan, and  
24 regular reporting of actual results against adopted  
25 budgets and financial plans, (ii) financial practices to  
26 be followed in the budgeting and expenditure of public

1 funds, (iii) assumptions and projections that must be  
2 followed in preparing and submitting its Annual Budget and  
3 2-Year Financial Plan or a 5-Year Capital Program;

4 (2) evaluate for the Board public transportation  
5 programs operated or proposed by the Service Boards and  
6 Transportation Agencies in terms of the goals and  
7 objectives set out in the Strategic Plan;

8 (3) keep the Board and the public informed of the  
9 extent to which the Service Boards and Transportation  
10 Agencies are meeting the goals and objectives adopted by  
11 the Authority in the Strategic Plan; and

12 (4) assess the efficiency or adequacy of public  
13 transportation services provided by a Service Board and  
14 make recommendations for change in that service to the end  
15 that the moneys available to the Authority may be expended  
16 in the most economical manner possible with the least  
17 possible duplication.

18 (g) All Service Boards, Transportation Agencies,  
19 comprehensive planning agencies, including the Chicago  
20 Metropolitan Agency for Planning, or transportation planning  
21 agencies in the metropolitan region shall furnish to the  
22 Authority such information pertaining to public transportation  
23 or relevant for plans therefor as it may from time to time  
24 require. The Executive Director, or his or her designee,  
25 shall, for the purpose of securing any such information  
26 necessary or appropriate to carry out any of the powers and

1 responsibilities of the Authority under this Act, have access  
2 to, and the right to examine, all books, documents, papers or  
3 records of a Service Board or any Transportation Agency  
4 receiving funds from the Authority or Service Board, and such  
5 Service Board or Transportation Agency shall comply with any  
6 request by the Executive Director, or his or her designee,  
7 within 30 days or an extended time provided by the Executive  
8 Director.

9 (h) No Service Board shall undertake any capital  
10 improvement which is not identified in the 5-Year Capital  
11 Program.

12 (i) Each Service Board shall furnish to the Board access  
13 to its financial information including, but not limited to,  
14 audits and reports. The Board shall have real-time access to  
15 the financial information of the Service Boards; however, the  
16 Board shall be granted read-only access to the Service Board's  
17 financial information.

18 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Section,  
19 the Authority shall, through the implementation of service  
20 efficiencies, realize \$46,900,000 in ~~the following~~ net savings  
21 in its annual budget for the fiscal year that begins on January  
22 1, 2027 across the following categories of savings ~~October 1,~~  
23 ~~2026:~~ (i) ~~\$10 million in~~ service-delivery savings; (ii) ~~\$20.1~~  
24 ~~million in~~ savings from labor optimization, including changes  
25 in employee headcounts and position types; and (iii) ~~\$16.8~~  
26 ~~million in~~ real estate and other property-related savings.

1 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 1-1-24; 104-434, eff. 11-21-25;  
2 104-457, eff. 6-1-26; revised 1-7-26.)

3 (70 ILCS 3615/4.01b)

4 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
5 delayed effective date)

6 Sec. 4.01b. System generated revenue recovery ratios.

7 (a) As used in this Section:

8 "Costs" includes all items properly included as operating  
9 costs consistent with generally accepted accounting principles  
10 incurred by the Authority and its Service Boards. "Costs" does  
11 not include costs related to providing ADA paratransit  
12 service.

13 "System generated revenue" includes passenger fares and  
14 ancillary revenue from sources such as the lease of space,  
15 advertising, and investment income.

16 (b) The Authority shall determine the ratio of system  
17 generated revenues for public transportation in the  
18 metropolitan region compared to the aggregate of all costs of  
19 providing public transportation.

20 (c) Until January 1, 2029, the Authority shall report its  
21 system generated revenue recovery ratio as part of the  
22 Authority's Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan.

23 (1) The Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan must  
24 show that the system generated revenue received in each  
25 fiscal year shall equal at least 25% of the costs of

1 providing public transportation in that fiscal year. The  
2 Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan must show that the  
3 level of fares charged and received in each fiscal year  
4 shall equal at least 5% of the aggregate of costs of  
5 providing ADA paratransit services.

6 (2) The Authority shall file a statement certifying  
7 that the Service Boards published the data described in  
8 this Section with the General Assembly and the Governor  
9 after adoption of the Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial  
10 Plan. If the Authority fails to file a statement  
11 certifying the system generated revenue recovery ratio as  
12 required in this Section, then the appropriations to the  
13 Department of Transportation for grants to the Authority  
14 intended to reimburse the Service Boards for providing  
15 free and reduced fares shall be withheld.

16 (3) If the system generated revenues are less than 25%  
17 of said costs, then the Board shall remit an amount equal  
18 to the amount of the deficit to the State. The Treasurer  
19 shall deposit any payment made under this paragraph in the  
20 Road Fund. However, due to the ongoing fiscal impact of  
21 the COVID-19 pandemic this requirement shall not apply to  
22 Fiscal Year 2026 or Fiscal Year 2027.

23 (d) Beginning January 1, 2029, the Authority shall report  
24 its system generated revenue recovery ratio within 6 months of  
25 the end of each fiscal year. If the Authority's system  
26 generated revenue recovery ratio falls below 20% for 2

1 consecutive years, then the Board of Directors shall:

2 (1) report this fact to the General Assembly and the  
3 Governor and provide a summary of fare adjustments made  
4 under Section 2.04;

5 (2) consider whether additional fare adjustments or  
6 other changes are necessary to increase system generated  
7 revenue, reduce costs, or both.

8 (e) Nothing in this Section shall diminish or impair the  
9 rights of any employee employed by the Authority or any  
10 Service Board or any organization of employees representing  
11 employees of the Authority or any Service Board.

12 (f) The Authority shall separately calculate a system  
13 generated revenue recovery ratio for ADA paratransit service.  
14 The Authority shall report this ratio in its annual  
15 certification under subsection (d) Section 2.02 and shall take  
16 the actions required under subsection (c) of this Section if  
17 the ADA paratransit service system generated recovery ratio  
18 falls below 5% for 2 consecutive years.

19 (g) The Authority shall document the system generated  
20 recovery ratio in the Authority's Annual Budget and 2-Year  
21 Financial Plan.

22 (h) Upon the request of the House of Representatives or  
23 the Senate, the Chair of the Board of the Authority, the chair  
24 of the board of a Service Board, or any other employee of the  
25 Authority or Service Board requested by the House of  
26 Representatives or Senate shall attend a hearing before the

1 House of Representatives or Senate regarding the reported  
2 system generated revenue recovery ratios.

3 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

4 (70 ILCS 3615/4.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.03)

5 Sec. 4.03. Taxes.

6 (a) Except as provided in subsection (m), in order to  
7 carry out any of the powers or purposes of the Authority, the  
8 Board may, by ordinance approved by a supermajority vote,  
9 impose throughout the metropolitan region any or all of the  
10 taxes provided in this Section. Except as otherwise provided  
11 in this Act, taxes imposed under this Section and civil  
12 penalties imposed incident thereto shall be collected and  
13 enforced by the Department of Revenue. The Department shall  
14 have the power to administer and enforce the taxes and to  
15 determine all rights for refunds for erroneous payments of the  
16 taxes. Nothing in Public Act 95-708 is intended to invalidate  
17 any taxes currently imposed by the Authority. The increased  
18 vote requirements to impose a tax shall only apply to actions  
19 taken after January 1, 2008 (the effective date of Public Act  
20 95-708).

21 (b) The Board may impose a public transportation tax upon  
22 all persons engaged in the metropolitan region in the business  
23 of selling at retail motor fuel for operation of motor  
24 vehicles upon public highways. The tax shall be at a rate not  
25 to exceed 5% of the gross receipts from the sales of motor fuel

1 in the course of the business. As used in this Act, the term  
2 "motor fuel" shall have the same meaning as in the Motor Fuel  
3 Tax Law. The Board may provide for details of the tax. The  
4 provisions of any tax shall conform, as closely as may be  
5 practicable, to the provisions of the Municipal Retailers  
6 Occupation Tax Act, including, without limitation, conformity  
7 to penalties with respect to the tax imposed and as to the  
8 powers of the Department of Revenue to promulgate and enforce  
9 rules and regulations relating to the administration and  
10 enforcement of the provisions of the tax imposed, except that  
11 reference in the Act to any municipality shall refer to the  
12 Authority and the tax shall be imposed only with regard to  
13 receipts from sales of motor fuel in the metropolitan region,  
14 at rates as limited by this Section.

15 (c) In connection with the tax imposed under paragraph (b)  
16 of this Section, the Board may impose a tax upon the privilege  
17 of using in the metropolitan region motor fuel for the  
18 operation of a motor vehicle upon public highways, the tax to  
19 be at a rate not in excess of the rate of tax imposed under  
20 paragraph (b) of this Section. The Board may provide for  
21 details of the tax.

22 (d) The Board may impose a motor vehicle parking tax upon  
23 the privilege of parking motor vehicles at off-street parking  
24 facilities in the metropolitan region at which a fee is  
25 charged, and may provide for reasonable classifications in and  
26 exemptions to the tax, for administration and enforcement

1       thereof and for civil penalties and refunds thereunder and may  
2       provide criminal penalties thereunder, the maximum penalties  
3       not to exceed the maximum criminal penalties provided in the  
4       Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. The Authority may collect and  
5       enforce the tax itself or by contract with any unit of local  
6       government. The Department of Revenue shall have no  
7       responsibility for the collection and enforcement unless the  
8       Department agrees with the Authority to undertake the  
9       collection and enforcement. As used in this paragraph, the  
10      term "parking facility" means a parking area or structure  
11      having parking spaces for more than 2 vehicles at which motor  
12      vehicles are permitted to park in return for an hourly, daily,  
13      or other periodic fee, whether publicly or privately owned,  
14      but does not include parking spaces on a public street, the use  
15      of which is regulated by parking meters.

16           (e) The Board may impose a Northern Illinois Transit  
17      Authority Retailers' Occupation Tax upon all persons engaged  
18      in the business of selling tangible personal property at  
19      retail in the metropolitan region. In Cook County, unless the  
20      tax rate is increased by the Board by ordinance, as provided in  
21      this Section, the tax rate shall be 1.25% of the gross receipts  
22      from sales of food for human consumption that is to be consumed  
23      off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic  
24      beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult use  
25      cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared  
26      for immediate consumption) and tangible personal property

1 taxed at the 1% rate under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
2 and 1% of the gross receipts from other taxable sales made in  
3 the course of that business. In Cook County, on and after the  
4 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
5 Assembly, the Board may, by ordinance, increase the tax rate  
6 to not more than 1.5% of the gross receipts from sales of food  
7 for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises  
8 where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food  
9 consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks,  
10 candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate  
11 consumption) and tangible personal property taxed at the 1%  
12 rate under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and 1.25% of the  
13 gross receipts from other taxable sales made in the course of  
14 that business. The Board shall take such a vote on whether to  
15 increase the tax rate no later than 60 days after the effective  
16 date of this Act. In DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will  
17 counties, unless the tax rate is increased by the Board by an  
18 ordinance as approved by this Section, the tax rate shall be  
19 0.75% of the gross receipts from all taxable sales made in the  
20 course of that business, including sales of food for human  
21 consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is  
22 sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or  
23 infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food  
24 that has been prepared for immediate consumption). In DuPage,  
25 Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, on and after the  
26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General

1 Assembly, the Board may, by ordinance, increase the tax rate  
2 to not more than 1% of the gross receipts from all taxable  
3 sales made in the course of that business, including sales of  
4 food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the  
5 premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages,  
6 food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft  
7 drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate  
8 consumption). The rate of tax imposed in DuPage, Kane, Lake,  
9 McHenry, and Will counties under this Section on sales of  
10 aviation fuel on or after December 1, 2019 shall, however, be  
11 0.25% unless the Authority in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and  
12 Will counties has an "airport-related purpose" and the  
13 additional 0.50% of the 0.75% tax (or 0.75% of 1% tax if the  
14 tax rate is increased by the Board to 1%) on aviation fuel is  
15 expended for airport-related purposes. If there is no  
16 airport-related purpose to which aviation fuel tax revenue is  
17 dedicated, then aviation fuel is excluded from the additional  
18 tax. The tax imposed under this Section and all civil  
19 penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereof shall be  
20 collected and enforced by the Department of Revenue. The  
21 Department shall have full power to administer and enforce  
22 this Section; to collect all taxes and penalties so collected  
23 in the manner hereinafter provided; and to determine all  
24 rights to credit memoranda arising on account of the erroneous  
25 payment of tax or penalty hereunder. In the administration of,  
26 and compliance with this Section, the Department and persons

1 who are subject to this Section shall have the same rights,  
2 remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties, and be  
3 subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations,  
4 penalties, exclusions, exemptions, and definitions of terms,  
5 and employ the same modes of procedure, as are prescribed in  
6 Sections 1, 1a, 1a-1, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1i, 1j, 2 through 2-65  
7 (in respect to all provisions therein other than the State  
8 rate of tax and other than the exemption for food for human  
9 consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is  
10 sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or  
11 infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food  
12 that has been prepared for immediate consumption), which is  
13 taxed at the rate as provided in this subsection), 2c, 3  
14 (except as to the disposition of taxes and penalties  
15 collected, and except that the retailer's discount is not  
16 allowed for taxes paid on aviation fuel that are subject to the  
17 revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C.  
18 47133), 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l,  
19 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the  
20 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform  
21 Penalty and Interest Act, as fully as if those provisions were  
22 set forth herein.

23 The Board and DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will  
24 counties must comply with the certification requirements for  
25 airport-related purposes under Section 2-22 of the Retailers'  
26 Occupation Tax Act. For purposes of this Section,

1 "airport-related purposes" has the meaning ascribed in Section  
2 6z-20.2 of the State Finance Act. This exclusion for aviation  
3 fuel only applies for so long as the revenue use requirements  
4 of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the  
5 Authority.

6 Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority  
7 granted in this Section may reimburse themselves for their  
8 seller's tax liability hereunder by separately stating the tax  
9 as an additional charge, which charge may be stated in  
10 combination in a single amount with State taxes that sellers  
11 are required to collect under the Use Tax Act, under any  
12 bracket schedules the Department may prescribe.

13 Whenever the Department determines that a refund should be  
14 made under this Section to a claimant instead of issuing a  
15 credit memorandum, the Department shall notify the State  
16 Comptroller, who shall cause the warrant to be drawn for the  
17 amount specified, and to the person named, in the notification  
18 from the Department. The refund shall be paid by the State  
19 Treasurer out of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority tax  
20 fund established under paragraph (n) of this Section or the  
21 Local Government Aviation Trust Fund, as appropriate.

22 If a tax is imposed under this subsection (e), a tax shall  
23 also be imposed under subsections (f) and (g) of this Section.

24 For the purpose of determining whether a tax authorized  
25 under this Section is applicable, a retail sale by a producer  
26 of coal or other mineral mined in Illinois, is a sale at retail

1 at the place where the coal or other mineral mined in Illinois  
2 is extracted from the earth. This paragraph does not apply to  
3 coal or other mineral when it is delivered or shipped by the  
4 seller to the purchaser at a point outside Illinois so that the  
5 sale is exempt under the Federal Constitution as a sale in  
6 interstate or foreign commerce.

7 No tax shall be imposed or collected under this subsection  
8 on the sale of a motor vehicle in this State to a resident of  
9 another state if that motor vehicle will not be titled in this  
10 State.

11 Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize  
12 the Authority to impose a tax upon the privilege of engaging in  
13 any business that under the Constitution of the United States  
14 may not be made the subject of taxation by this State.

15 (f) If a tax has been imposed under paragraph (e), a  
16 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Service Occupation Tax  
17 shall also be imposed upon all persons engaged in the  
18 metropolitan region in the business of making sales of service  
19 who, as an incident to making the sales of service, transfer  
20 tangible personal property within the metropolitan region,  
21 either in the form of tangible personal property or in the form  
22 of real estate as an incident to a sale of service. In Cook  
23 County, unless the tax rate is increased by the Board by  
24 ordinance, as provided in this Section, the tax rate shall be:  
25 (1) 1.25% of the serviceman's cost price of food prepared for  
26 immediate consumption and transferred incident to a sale of

1 service subject to the service occupation tax by an entity  
2 that is located in the metropolitan region and that is  
3 licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home  
4 Care Act, the Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the  
5 Specialized Mental Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the  
6 ID/DD Community Care Act, the MC/DD Act, or the Child Care Act  
7 of 1969, or an entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to  
8 the Life Care Facilities Act; (2) 1.25% of the selling price of  
9 food for human consumption that is to be consumed off the  
10 premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages,  
11 food consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft  
12 drinks, candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate  
13 consumption) and tangible personal property taxed at the 1%  
14 rate under the Service Occupation Tax Act; and (3) 1% of the  
15 selling price from other taxable sales of tangible personal  
16 property transferred. In Cook County, on and after the  
17 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
18 Assembly, the Board may, by ordinance, increase the tax rate  
19 to not more than: (1) 1.5% of the serviceman's cost price of  
20 food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred  
21 incident to a sale of service subject to the service  
22 occupation tax by an entity that is located in the  
23 metropolitan region and that is licensed under the Hospital  
24 Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living  
25 and Shared Housing Act, the Specialized Mental Health  
26 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the

1 MC/DD Act, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that  
2 holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities  
3 Act; (2) 1.5% of the selling price of food for human  
4 consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is  
5 sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or  
6 infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food  
7 that has been prepared for immediate consumption) and tangible  
8 personal property taxed at the 1% rate under the Service  
9 Occupation Tax Act; and (3) 1.25% of the selling price from  
10 other taxable sales of tangible personal property transferred.  
11 In DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, before the  
12 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
13 Assembly, the rate shall be (1) 0.75% of the selling price of  
14 all tangible personal property transferred, including food for  
15 human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises  
16 where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food  
17 consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks,  
18 candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate  
19 consumption); and (2) 0.75% of the serviceman's cost price of  
20 food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred  
21 incident to a sale of service subject to the service  
22 occupation tax by an entity that is located in the  
23 metropolitan region and that is licensed under the Hospital  
24 Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living  
25 and Shared Housing Act, the Specialized Mental Health  
26 Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, or

1 the MC/DD Act, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that  
2 holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities  
3 Act. In DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, on and  
4 after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
5 General Assembly, the Board may, by ordinance, increase the  
6 tax rate to not more than 1% of the selling price of all  
7 tangible personal property transferred. The rate of tax  
8 imposed in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties  
9 under this Section on sales of aviation fuel on or after  
10 December 1, 2019 shall, however, be 0.25% unless the Authority  
11 in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties has an  
12 "airport-related purpose" and the additional 0.50% of the  
13 0.75% (or 0.75% of 1% tax if the tax rate is increased by the  
14 Board to 1%) tax on aviation fuel is expended for  
15 airport-related purposes. If there is no airport-related  
16 purpose to which aviation fuel tax revenue is dedicated, then  
17 aviation fuel is excluded from the additional tax.

18 The Board and DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will  
19 counties must comply with the certification requirements for  
20 airport-related purposes under Section 2-22 of the Retailers'  
21 Occupation Tax Act. For purposes of this Section,  
22 "airport-related purposes" has the meaning ascribed in Section  
23 6z-20.2 of the State Finance Act. This exclusion for aviation  
24 fuel only applies for so long as the revenue use requirements  
25 of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the  
26 Authority.

1           The tax imposed under this paragraph and all civil  
2 penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereof shall be  
3 collected and enforced by the Department of Revenue. The  
4 Department shall have full power to administer and enforce  
5 this paragraph; to collect all taxes and penalties due  
6 hereunder; to dispose of taxes and penalties collected in the  
7 manner hereinafter provided; and to determine all rights to  
8 credit memoranda arising on account of the erroneous payment  
9 of tax or penalty hereunder. In the administration of and  
10 compliance with this paragraph, the Department and persons who  
11 are subject to this paragraph shall have the same rights,  
12 remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties, and be  
13 subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations,  
14 penalties, exclusions, exemptions, and definitions of terms,  
15 and employ the same modes of procedure, as are prescribed in  
16 Sections 1a-1, 2, 2a, 3 through 3-50 (in respect to all  
17 provisions therein other than (i) the State rate of tax; (ii)  
18 the exemption for food for human consumption that is to be  
19 consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than  
20 alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or infused with adult  
21 use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food that has been  
22 prepared for immediate consumption), which is taxed at the  
23 rate as provided in this subsection; and (iii) the exemption  
24 for food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred  
25 incident to a sale of service subject to the service  
26 occupation tax by an entity that is licensed under the

1 Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the  
2 Assisted Living and Shared Housing Act, the Specialized Mental  
3 Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care  
4 Act, or the MC/DD Act, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an  
5 entity that holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care  
6 Facilities Act, which is taxed at the rate as provided in this  
7 subsection), 4 (except that the reference to the State shall  
8 be to the Authority), 5, 7, 8 (except that the jurisdiction to  
9 which the tax shall be a debt to the extent indicated in that  
10 Section 8 shall be the Authority), 9 (except as to the  
11 disposition of taxes and penalties collected, and except that  
12 the returned merchandise credit for this tax may not be taken  
13 against any State tax, and except that the retailer's discount  
14 is not allowed for taxes paid on aviation fuel that are subject  
15 to the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49  
16 U.S.C. 47133), 10, 11, 12 (except the reference therein to  
17 Section 2b of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act), 13 (except  
18 that any reference to the State shall mean the Authority), the  
19 first paragraph of Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of the  
20 Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform  
21 Penalty and Interest Act, as fully as if those provisions were  
22 set forth herein.

23 Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority  
24 granted in this paragraph may reimburse themselves for their  
25 serviceman's tax liability hereunder by separately stating the  
26 tax as an additional charge, that charge may be stated in

1 combination in a single amount with State tax that servicemen  
2 are authorized to collect under the Service Use Tax Act, under  
3 any bracket schedules the Department may prescribe.

4 Whenever the Department of Revenue determines that a  
5 refund should be made under this paragraph to a claimant  
6 instead of issuing a credit memorandum, the Department of  
7 Revenue shall notify the State Comptroller, who shall cause  
8 the warrant to be drawn for the amount specified, and to the  
9 person named in the notification from the Department of  
10 Revenue. The refund shall be paid by the State Treasurer out of  
11 the Northern Illinois Transit Authority tax fund established  
12 under paragraph (n) of this Section or the Local Government  
13 Aviation Trust Fund, as appropriate.

14 Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to authorize  
15 the Authority to impose a tax upon the privilege of engaging in  
16 any business that under the Constitution of the United States  
17 may not be made the subject of taxation by the State.

18 (g) If a tax has been imposed under paragraph (e), a tax  
19 shall also be imposed upon the privilege of using in the  
20 metropolitan region, any item of tangible personal property  
21 that is purchased outside the metropolitan region at retail  
22 from a retailer, and that is titled or registered with an  
23 agency of this State's government. In Cook County, unless the  
24 tax rate is increased by the Board by ordinance, as provided in  
25 this Section, the tax rate shall be 1% of the selling price of  
26 the tangible personal property, as "selling price" is defined

1 in the Use Tax Act. In Cook County, on and after the effective  
2 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the  
3 Board may, by ordinance, increase the tax rate to not more than  
4 1.25% of the selling price of the tangible personal property,  
5 as "selling price" is defined in the Use Tax Act. In DuPage,  
6 Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, before the effective  
7 date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly, the  
8 tax rate shall be 0.75% of the selling price of the tangible  
9 personal property, as "selling price" is defined in the Use  
10 Tax Act. In DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, on  
11 and after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
12 104th General Assembly, the Board may, by ordinance, increase  
13 the tax rate to not more than 1% of the selling price of the  
14 tangible personal property, as "selling price" is defined in  
15 the Use Tax Act. The tax shall be collected from persons whose  
16 Illinois address for titling or registration purposes is given  
17 as being in the metropolitan region. The tax shall be  
18 collected by the Department of Revenue for the Authority. The  
19 tax must be paid to the State, or an exemption determination  
20 must be obtained from the Department of Revenue, before the  
21 title or certificate of registration for the property may be  
22 issued. The tax or proof of exemption may be transmitted to the  
23 Department by way of the State agency with which, or the State  
24 officer with whom, the tangible personal property must be  
25 titled or registered if the Department and the State agency or  
26 State officer determine that this procedure will expedite the

1 processing of applications for title or registration.

2 The Department shall have full power to administer and  
3 enforce this paragraph; to collect all taxes, penalties, and  
4 interest due hereunder; to dispose of taxes, penalties, and  
5 interest collected in the manner hereinafter provided; and to  
6 determine all rights to credit memoranda or refunds arising on  
7 account of the erroneous payment of tax, penalty, or interest  
8 hereunder. In the administration of and compliance with this  
9 paragraph, the Department and persons who are subject to this  
10 paragraph shall have the same rights, remedies, privileges,  
11 immunities, powers, and duties, and be subject to the same  
12 conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, exclusions,  
13 exemptions, and definitions of terms and employ the same modes  
14 of procedure, as are prescribed in Sections 2 (except the  
15 definition of "retailer maintaining a place of business in  
16 this State"), 3 through 3-80 (except provisions pertaining to  
17 the State rate of tax, and except provisions concerning  
18 collection or refunding of the tax by retailers), 4, 11, 12,  
19 12a, 14, 15, 19 (except the portions pertaining to claims by  
20 retailers and except the last paragraph concerning refunds),  
21 20, 21, and 22 of the Use Tax Act, and are not inconsistent  
22 with this paragraph, as fully as if those provisions were set  
23 forth herein.

24 Whenever the Department determines that a refund should be  
25 made under this paragraph to a claimant instead of issuing a  
26 credit memorandum, the Department shall notify the State

1 Comptroller, who shall cause the order to be drawn for the  
2 amount specified, and to the person named in the notification  
3 from the Department. The refund shall be paid by the State  
4 Treasurer out of the Northern Illinois Transit Authority tax  
5 fund established under paragraph (n) of this Section.

6 (g-5) If, on January 1, 2025, a unit of local government  
7 has in effect a tax under subsections (e), (f), and (g), or if,  
8 after January 1, 2025, a unit of local government imposes a tax  
9 under subsections (e), (f), and (g), then that tax applies to  
10 leases of tangible personal property in effect, entered into,  
11 or renewed on or after that date in the same manner as the tax  
12 under this Section and in accordance with the changes made by  
13 Public Act 103-592.

14 (h) The Authority may impose a replacement vehicle tax of  
15 \$50 on any passenger car as defined in Section 1-157 of the  
16 Illinois Vehicle Code purchased within the metropolitan region  
17 by or on behalf of an insurance company to replace a passenger  
18 car of an insured person in settlement of a total loss claim.  
19 The tax imposed may not become effective before the first day  
20 of the month following the passage of the ordinance imposing  
21 the tax and receipt of a certified copy of the ordinance by the  
22 Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall collect  
23 the tax for the Authority in accordance with Sections 3-2002  
24 and 3-2003 of the Illinois Vehicle Code.

25 The Department shall immediately pay over to the State  
26 Treasurer, ex officio, as trustee, all taxes collected

1 hereunder.

2 As soon as possible after the first day of each month,  
3 beginning January 1, 2011, upon certification of the  
4 Department of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order  
5 transferred, and the Treasurer shall transfer, to the STAR  
6 Bonds Revenue Fund the local sales tax increment, as defined  
7 in the Innovation Development and Economy Act, collected under  
8 this Section during the second preceding calendar month for  
9 sales within a STAR bond district.

10 After the monthly transfer to the STAR Bonds Revenue Fund,  
11 on or before the 25th day of each calendar month, the  
12 Department shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller the  
13 disbursement of stated sums of money to the Authority. The  
14 amount to be paid to the Authority shall be the amount  
15 collected hereunder during the second preceding calendar month  
16 by the Department, less any amount determined by the  
17 Department to be necessary for the payment of refunds, and  
18 less any amounts that are transferred to the STAR Bonds  
19 Revenue Fund. Within 10 days after receipt by the Comptroller  
20 of the disbursement certification to the Authority provided  
21 for in this Section to be given to the Comptroller by the  
22 Department, the Comptroller shall cause the orders to be drawn  
23 for that amount in accordance with the directions contained in  
24 the certification.

25 (i) The Board may not impose any other taxes except as it  
26 may from time to time be authorized by law to impose.

1           (j) A certificate of registration issued by the Department  
2 of Revenue to a retailer under the Retailers' Occupation Tax  
3 Act or under the Service Occupation Tax Act shall permit the  
4 registrant to engage in a business that is taxed under the tax  
5 imposed under paragraphs (b), (e), (f) or (g) of this Section  
6 and no additional registration shall be required under the  
7 tax. A certificate issued under the Use Tax Act or the Service  
8 Use Tax Act shall be applicable with regard to any tax imposed  
9 under paragraph (c) of this Section.

10           (k) The provisions of any tax imposed under paragraph (c)  
11 of this Section shall conform as closely as may be practicable  
12 to the provisions of the Use Tax Act, including, without  
13 limitation, conformity as to penalties with respect to the tax  
14 imposed and as to the powers of the Department of Revenue to  
15 promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relating to the  
16 administration and enforcement of the provisions of the tax  
17 imposed. The taxes shall be imposed only on use within the  
18 metropolitan region and at rates as provided in the paragraph.

19           (l) The Board in imposing any tax as provided in  
20 paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section, shall, after seeking  
21 the advice of the Department of Revenue, provide means for  
22 retailers, users or purchasers of motor fuel for purposes  
23 other than those with regard to which the taxes may be imposed  
24 as provided in those paragraphs to receive refunds of taxes  
25 improperly paid, which provisions may be at variance with the  
26 refund provisions as applicable under the Municipal Retailers

1 Occupation Tax Act. The Department of Revenue may provide for  
2 certificates of registration for users or purchasers of motor  
3 fuel for purposes other than those with regard to which taxes  
4 may be imposed as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this  
5 Section to facilitate the reporting and nontaxability of the  
6 exempt sales or uses.

7 (m) Any ordinance imposing or discontinuing any tax under  
8 this Section shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof  
9 filed with the Department on or before June 1, whereupon the  
10 Department of Revenue shall proceed to administer and enforce  
11 this Section on behalf of the Authority as of September 1 next  
12 following such adoption and filing. Beginning January 1, 1992,  
13 an ordinance or resolution imposing or discontinuing the tax  
14 hereunder shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof filed  
15 with the Department on or before the first day of July,  
16 whereupon the Department shall proceed to administer and  
17 enforce this Section as of the first day of October next  
18 following such adoption and filing. Beginning January 1, 1993,  
19 an ordinance or resolution imposing, increasing, decreasing,  
20 or discontinuing the tax hereunder shall be adopted and a  
21 certified copy thereof filed with the Department, whereupon  
22 the Department shall proceed to administer and enforce this  
23 Section as of the first day of the first month to occur not  
24 less than 60 days following such adoption and filing. Any  
25 ordinance or resolution of the Authority imposing a tax under  
26 this Section and in effect on August 1, 2007 shall remain in

1 full force and effect and shall be administered by the  
2 Department of Revenue under the terms and conditions and rates  
3 of tax established by such ordinance or resolution until the  
4 Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax  
5 under this Section as authorized by Public Act 95-708. Any  
6 ordinance or resolution of the Authority imposing a tax under  
7 this Section and in effect on the effective date of this  
8 amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall remain in  
9 full force and effect and shall be administered by the  
10 Department of Revenue under the terms and conditions and rates  
11 of tax established by such ordinance or resolution until the  
12 Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax  
13 under this Section as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
14 104th General Assembly. The tax rates authorized by Public Act  
15 95-708 are effective only if imposed by ordinance of the  
16 Authority. The tax rates authorized by this amendatory Act of  
17 the 104th General Assembly are effective only if an ordinance  
18 is approved by the Authority with the affirmative votes of a  
19 simple majority of its then Directors.

20 (n) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (n),  
21 the Department of Revenue shall, upon collecting any taxes as  
22 provided in this Section, pay the taxes over to the State  
23 Treasurer as trustee for the Authority. The taxes shall be  
24 held in a trust fund outside the State treasury. If an  
25 airport-related purpose has been certified, taxes and  
26 penalties collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will

1 counties on aviation fuel sold on or after December 1, 2019  
2 from the 0.50% of the 0.75% rate shall be immediately paid over  
3 by the Department to the State Treasurer, ex officio, as  
4 trustee, for deposit into the Local Government Aviation Trust  
5 Fund. The Department shall only pay moneys into the Local  
6 Government Aviation Trust Fund under this Act for so long as  
7 the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49  
8 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the Authority. On or before the  
9 25th day of each calendar month, the Department of Revenue  
10 shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller of the State of  
11 Illinois and to the Authority (i) the amount of taxes  
12 collected in each county other than Cook County in the  
13 metropolitan region, (not including, if an airport-related  
14 purpose has been certified, the taxes and penalties collected  
15 from the 0.50% of the 0.75% rate on aviation fuel sold on or  
16 after December 1, 2019 that are deposited into the Local  
17 Government Aviation Trust Fund) (ii) the amount of taxes  
18 collected within the City of Chicago, and (iii) the amount  
19 collected in that portion of Cook County outside of Chicago,  
20 each amount less the amount necessary for the payment of  
21 refunds to taxpayers located in those areas described in items  
22 (i), (ii), and (iii), and less 1.5% of the remainder, which  
23 shall be transferred from the trust fund into the Tax  
24 Compliance and Administration Fund. The Department, at the  
25 time of each monthly disbursement to the Authority, shall  
26 prepare and certify to the State Comptroller the amount to be

1 transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund  
2 under this subsection. Within 10 days after receipt by the  
3 Comptroller of the certification of the amounts, the  
4 Comptroller shall cause an order to be drawn for the transfer  
5 of the amount certified into the Tax Compliance and  
6 Administration Fund and the payment of three-quarters  
7 ~~two-thirds~~ of the amounts certified in item (i) of this  
8 subsection to the Authority and one-quarter ~~one-third~~ of the  
9 amounts certified in item (i) of this subsection to the  
10 respective counties other than Cook County and the amount  
11 certified in items (ii) and (iii) of this subsection to the  
12 Authority.

13 In addition to the disbursement required by the preceding  
14 paragraph, an allocation shall be made in July 1991 and each  
15 year thereafter to the Authority. The allocation shall be made  
16 in an amount equal to the average monthly distribution during  
17 the preceding calendar year (excluding the 2 months of lowest  
18 receipts) and the allocation shall include the amount of  
19 average monthly distribution from the Northern Illinois  
20 Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund. The  
21 distribution made in July 1992 and each year thereafter under  
22 this paragraph and the preceding paragraph shall be reduced by  
23 the amount allocated and disbursed under this paragraph in the  
24 preceding calendar year. The Department of Revenue shall  
25 prepare and certify to the Comptroller for disbursement the  
26 allocations made in accordance with this paragraph.

1 (o) Failure to adopt a budget ordinance or otherwise to  
2 comply with Section 4.01 or to adopt a 5-Year Capital Program  
3 or otherwise to comply with paragraph (b) of Section 2.01 of  
4 this Act shall not affect the validity of any tax imposed by  
5 the Authority otherwise in conformity with law.

6 (p) At no time shall a public transportation tax or motor  
7 vehicle parking tax authorized under paragraphs (b), (c), and  
8 (d) of this Section be in effect at the same time as any  
9 retailers' occupation, use or service occupation tax  
10 authorized under paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this Section  
11 is in effect.

12 Any taxes imposed under the authority provided in  
13 paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall remain in effect only until  
14 the time as any tax authorized by paragraph (e), (f), or (g) of  
15 this Section is imposed and becomes effective. Once any tax  
16 authorized by paragraph (e), (f), or (g) is imposed the Board  
17 may not reimpose taxes as authorized in paragraphs (b), (c),  
18 and (d) of the Section unless any tax authorized by paragraph  
19 (e), (f), or (g) of this Section becomes ineffective by means  
20 other than an ordinance of the Board.

21 (q) Any existing rights, remedies and obligations  
22 (including enforcement by the Authority) arising under any tax  
23 imposed under paragraph (b), (c), or (d) of this Section shall  
24 not be affected by the imposition of a tax under paragraph (e),  
25 (f), or (g) of this Section.

26 (r) The Board shall hold a vote on whether to adopt an

1 ordinance to increase the tax rate to the rates authorized by  
2 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly within 60  
3 days of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th  
4 General Assembly.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-592, eff. 1-1-25; 103-781, eff. 8-5-24;  
6 104-6, eff. 1-1-26; 104-417, eff. 8-15-25; 104-457, eff.  
7 6-1-26.)

8 (70 ILCS 3615/4.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.04)

9 Sec. 4.04. Issuance and Pledge of Bonds and Notes.

10 (a) The Authority shall have the continuing power to  
11 borrow money and to issue its negotiable bonds or notes as  
12 provided in this Section. Unless otherwise indicated in this  
13 Section, the term "notes" also includes bond anticipation  
14 notes, which are notes which by their terms provide for their  
15 payment from the proceeds of bonds thereafter to be issued.  
16 Bonds or notes of the Authority may be issued for any or all of  
17 the following purposes: to pay costs to the Authority or a  
18 Service Board of constructing or acquiring any public  
19 transportation facilities (including funds and rights relating  
20 thereto, as provided in Section 2.05 of this Act); to repay  
21 advances to the Authority or a Service Board made for such  
22 purposes; to pay other expenses of the Authority or a Service  
23 Board incident to or incurred in connection with such  
24 construction or acquisition; to provide funds for any  
25 Transportation Agency to pay principal of or interest or

1 redemption premium on any bonds or notes, whether as such  
2 amounts become due or by earlier redemption, issued prior to  
3 the date of this amendatory Act by such Transportation Agency  
4 to construct or acquire public transportation facilities or to  
5 provide funds to purchase such bonds or notes; and to provide  
6 funds for any Transportation Agency to construct or acquire  
7 any public transportation facilities, to repay advances made  
8 for such purposes, and to pay other expenses incident to or  
9 incurred in connection with such construction or acquisition;  
10 and to provide funds for payment of obligations, including the  
11 funding of reserves, under any self-insurance plan or joint  
12 self-insurance pool or entity.

13 In addition to any other borrowing as may be authorized by  
14 this Section, the Authority may issue its notes, from time to  
15 time, in anticipation of tax receipts of the Authority or of  
16 other revenues or receipts of the Authority, in order to  
17 provide money for the Authority or the Service Boards to cover  
18 any cash flow deficit which the Authority or a Service Board  
19 anticipates incurring. Any such notes are referred to in this  
20 Section as "Working Cash Notes". No Working Cash Notes shall  
21 be issued for a term of longer than 24 months. Proceeds of  
22 Working Cash Notes may be used to pay day to day operating  
23 expenses of the Authority or the Service Boards, consisting of  
24 wages, salaries, and fringe benefits, professional and  
25 technical services (including legal, audit, engineering, and  
26 other consulting services), office rental, furniture, fixtures

1 and equipment, insurance premiums, claims for self-insured  
2 amounts under insurance policies, public utility obligations  
3 for telephone, light, heat and similar items, travel expenses,  
4 office supplies, postage, dues, subscriptions, public hearings  
5 and information expenses, fuel purchases, and payments of  
6 grants and payments under purchase of service agreements for  
7 operations of Transportation Agencies, prior to the receipt by  
8 the Authority or a Service Board from time to time of funds for  
9 paying such expenses. In addition to any Working Cash Notes  
10 that the Board of the Authority may determine to issue, the  
11 Suburban Bus Board, the Commuter Rail Board or the Board of the  
12 Chicago Transit Authority may demand and direct that the  
13 Authority issue its Working Cash Notes in such amounts and  
14 having such maturities as the Service Board may determine.

15 Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, any  
16 amounts necessary to pay principal of and interest on any  
17 Working Cash Notes issued at the demand and direction of a  
18 Service Board or any Working Cash Notes the proceeds of which  
19 were used for the direct benefit of a Service Board or any  
20 other Bonds or Notes of the Authority the proceeds of which  
21 were used for the direct benefit of a Service Board shall  
22 constitute a reduction of the amount of any other funds  
23 provided by the Authority to that Service Board. The Authority  
24 shall, after deducting any costs of issuance, tender the net  
25 proceeds of any Working Cash Notes issued at the demand and  
26 direction of a Service Board to such Service Board as soon as

1 may be practicable after the proceeds are received. The  
2 Authority may also issue notes or bonds to pay, refund or  
3 redeem any of its notes and bonds, including to pay redemption  
4 premiums or accrued interest on such bonds or notes being  
5 renewed, paid or refunded, and other costs in connection  
6 therewith. The Authority may also utilize the proceeds of any  
7 such bonds or notes to pay the legal, financial,  
8 administrative and other expenses of such authorization,  
9 issuance, sale or delivery of bonds or notes or to provide or  
10 increase a debt service reserve fund with respect to any or all  
11 of its bonds or notes. The Authority may also issue and deliver  
12 its bonds or notes in exchange for any public transportation  
13 facilities, (including funds and rights relating thereto, as  
14 provided in Section 2.05 of this Act) or in exchange for  
15 outstanding bonds or notes of the Authority, including any  
16 accrued interest or redemption premium thereon, without  
17 advertising or submitting such notes or bonds for public  
18 bidding.

19 (b) The ordinance providing for the issuance of any such  
20 bonds or notes shall fix the date or dates of maturity, the  
21 dates on which interest is payable, any sinking fund account  
22 or reserve fund account provisions and all other details of  
23 such bonds or notes and may provide for such covenants or  
24 agreements necessary or desirable with regard to the issue,  
25 sale and security of such bonds or notes. The rate or rates of  
26 interest on its bonds or notes may be fixed or variable and the

1 Authority shall determine or provide for the determination of  
2 the rate or rates of interest of its bonds or notes issued  
3 under this Act in an ordinance adopted by the Authority prior  
4 to the issuance thereof, none of which rates of interest shall  
5 exceed that permitted in the Bond Authorization Act. Interest  
6 may be payable at such times as are provided for by the Board.  
7 Bonds and notes issued under this Section may be issued as  
8 serial or term obligations, shall be of such denomination or  
9 denominations and form, including interest coupons to be  
10 attached thereto, be executed in such manner, shall be payable  
11 at such place or places and bear such date as the Authority  
12 shall fix by the ordinance authorizing such bond or note and  
13 shall mature at such time or times, within a period not to  
14 exceed forty years from the date of issue, and may be  
15 redeemable prior to maturity with or without premium, at the  
16 option of the Authority, upon such terms and conditions as the  
17 Authority shall fix by the ordinance authorizing the issuance  
18 of such bonds or notes. No bond anticipation note or any  
19 renewal thereof shall mature at any time or times exceeding 5  
20 years from the date of the first issuance of such note. The  
21 Authority may provide for the registration of bonds or notes  
22 in the name of the owner as to the principal alone or as to  
23 both principal and interest, upon such terms and conditions as  
24 the Authority may determine. The ordinance authorizing bonds  
25 or notes may provide for the exchange of such bonds or notes  
26 which are fully registered, as to both principal and interest,

1 with bonds or notes which are registerable as to principal  
2 only. All bonds or notes issued under this Section by the  
3 Authority other than those issued in exchange for property or  
4 for bonds or notes of the Authority shall be sold at a price  
5 which may be at a premium or discount but such that the  
6 interest cost (excluding any redemption premium) to the  
7 Authority of the proceeds of an issue of such bonds or notes,  
8 computed to stated maturity according to standard tables of  
9 bond values, shall not exceed that permitted in the Bond  
10 Authorization Act. The Authority shall notify the Governor's  
11 Office of Management and Budget and the State Comptroller at  
12 least 30 days before any bond sale and shall file with the  
13 Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the State  
14 Comptroller a certified copy of any ordinance authorizing the  
15 issuance of bonds at or before the issuance of the bonds. After  
16 December 31, 1994, any such bonds or notes shall be sold to the  
17 highest and best bidder on sealed bids as the Authority shall  
18 deem. As such bonds or notes are to be sold the Authority shall  
19 advertise for proposals to purchase the bonds or notes which  
20 advertisement shall be published at least once in a daily  
21 newspaper of general circulation published in the metropolitan  
22 region at least 10 days before the time set for the submission  
23 of bids. The Authority shall have the right to reject any or  
24 all bids. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this  
25 Section, Working Cash Notes or bonds or notes to provide funds  
26 for self-insurance or a joint self-insurance pool or entity

1 may be sold either upon competitive bidding or by negotiated  
2 sale (without any requirement of publication of intention to  
3 negotiate the sale of such Notes), as the Board shall  
4 determine by ordinance adopted by a simple majority vote of  
5 the Directors ~~with the affirmative votes of at least 9~~  
6 ~~Directors~~. In case any officer whose signature appears on any  
7 bonds, notes or coupons authorized pursuant to this Section  
8 shall cease to be such officer before delivery of such bonds or  
9 notes, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and  
10 sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had  
11 remained in office until such delivery. Neither the Directors  
12 of the Authority nor any person executing any bonds or notes  
13 thereof shall be liable personally on any such bonds or notes  
14 or coupons by reason of the issuance thereof.

15 (c) All bonds or notes of the Authority issued pursuant to  
16 this Section shall be general obligations of the Authority to  
17 which shall be pledged the full faith and credit of the  
18 Authority, as provided in this Section. Such bonds or notes  
19 shall be secured as provided in the authorizing ordinance,  
20 which may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act,  
21 include in addition to any other security, a specific pledge  
22 or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any or all  
23 tax receipts of the Authority and on any or all other revenues  
24 or moneys of the Authority from whatever source, which may by  
25 law be utilized for debt service purposes and a specific  
26 pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any

1 funds or accounts established or provided for by the ordinance  
2 of the Authority authorizing the issuance of such bonds or  
3 notes. Any such pledge, assignment, lien, or security interest  
4 for the benefit of holders of bonds or notes of the Authority  
5 shall be valid and binding from the time the bonds or notes are  
6 issued without any physical delivery or further act and shall  
7 be valid and binding as against and prior to the claims of all  
8 other parties having claims of any kind against the Authority  
9 or any other person irrespective of whether such other parties  
10 have notice of such pledge, assignment, lien, or security  
11 interest. The obligations of the Authority incurred pursuant  
12 to this Section shall be superior to and have priority over any  
13 other obligations of the Authority.

14 The Authority may provide in the ordinance authorizing the  
15 issuance of any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section  
16 for the creation of, deposits in, and regulation and  
17 disposition of sinking fund or reserve accounts relating to  
18 such bonds or notes. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of  
19 any bonds or notes pursuant to this Section may contain  
20 provisions as part of the contract with the holders of the  
21 bonds or notes, for the creation of a separate fund to provide  
22 for the payment of principal and interest on such bonds or  
23 notes and for the deposit in such fund from any or all the tax  
24 receipts of the Authority and from any or all such other moneys  
25 or revenues of the Authority from whatever source which may by  
26 law be utilized for debt service purposes, all as provided in

1 such ordinance, of amounts to meet the debt service  
2 requirements on such bonds or notes, including principal and  
3 interest, and any sinking fund or reserve fund account  
4 requirements as may be provided by such ordinance, and all  
5 expenses incident to or in connection with such fund and  
6 accounts or the payment of such bonds or notes. Such ordinance  
7 may also provide limitations on the issuance of additional  
8 bonds or notes of the Authority. No such bonds or notes of the  
9 Authority shall constitute a debt of the State of Illinois.  
10 Nothing in this Act shall be construed to enable the Authority  
11 to impose any ad valorem tax on property.

12 (d) The ordinance of the Authority authorizing the  
13 issuance of any bonds or notes may provide additional security  
14 for such bonds or notes by providing for appointment of a  
15 corporate trustee (which may be any trust company or bank  
16 having the powers of a trust company within the state) with  
17 respect to such bonds or notes. The ordinance shall prescribe  
18 the rights, duties, and powers of the trustee to be exercised  
19 for the benefit of the Authority and the protection of the  
20 holders of such bonds or notes. The ordinance may provide for  
21 the trustee to hold in trust, invest, and use amounts in funds  
22 and accounts created as provided by the ordinance with respect  
23 to the bonds or notes. The ordinance may provide for the  
24 assignment and direct payment to the trustee of any or all  
25 amounts produced from the sources provided in Section 4.03 and  
26 Section 4.09 of this Act and provided in Section 6z-17 of the

1 State Finance Act. Upon receipt of notice of any such  
2 assignment, the Department of Revenue and the Comptroller of  
3 the State of Illinois shall thereafter, notwithstanding the  
4 provisions of Section 4.03 and Section 4.09 of this Act and  
5 Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, provide for such  
6 assigned amounts to be paid directly to the trustee instead of  
7 the Authority, all in accordance with the terms of the  
8 ordinance making the assignment. The ordinance shall provide  
9 that amounts so paid to the trustee which are not required to  
10 be deposited, held or invested in funds and accounts created  
11 by the ordinance with respect to bonds or notes or used for  
12 paying bonds or notes to be paid by the trustee to the  
13 Authority.

14 (e) Any bonds or notes of the Authority issued pursuant to  
15 this Section shall constitute a contract between the Authority  
16 and the holders from time to time of such bonds or notes. In  
17 issuing any bond or note, the Authority may include in the  
18 ordinance authorizing such issue a covenant as part of the  
19 contract with the holders of the bonds or notes, that as long  
20 as such obligations are outstanding, it shall make such  
21 deposits, as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section. It may  
22 also so covenant that it shall impose and continue to impose  
23 taxes, as provided in Section 4.03 of this Act and in addition  
24 thereto as subsequently authorized by law, sufficient to make  
25 such deposits and pay the principal and interest and to meet  
26 other debt service requirements of such bonds or notes as they

1 become due. A certified copy of the ordinance authorizing the  
2 issuance of any such obligations shall be filed at or prior to  
3 the issuance of such obligations with the Comptroller of the  
4 State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

5 (f) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the  
6 holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued  
7 pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter  
8 the rights and powers vested in the Authority by this Act so as  
9 to impair the terms of any contract made by the Authority with  
10 such holders or in any way impair the rights and remedies of  
11 such holders until such bonds and notes, together with  
12 interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of  
13 interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any  
14 action or proceedings by or on behalf of such holders, are  
15 fully met and discharged. In addition, the State pledges to  
16 and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the  
17 Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will  
18 not limit or alter the basis on which State funds are to be  
19 paid to the Authority as provided in this Act, or the use of  
20 such funds, so as to impair the terms of any such contract. The  
21 Authority is authorized to include these pledges and  
22 agreements of the State in any contract with the holders of  
23 bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section.

24 (g) (1) (Blank).

25 (2) In addition to the authority provided by paragraphs  
26 (1) and (3), the Authority is authorized to issue, sell, and

1 deliver bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement  
2 Projects approved pursuant to Section 4.13 as follows:

3 \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued on or after  
4 January 1, 1990;

5 an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
6 on or after January 1, 1991;

7 an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
8 on or after January 1, 1992;

9 an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
10 on or after January 1, 1993;

11 an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
12 on or after January 1, 1994; and

13 the aggregate total authorization of bonds and notes  
14 for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects as of January  
15 1, 1994, shall be \$500,000,000.

16 The Authority is also authorized to issue, sell, and  
17 deliver bonds or notes in such amounts as are necessary to  
18 provide for the refunding or advance refunding of bonds or  
19 notes issued for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects under  
20 this subdivision (g) (2), provided that no such refunding bond  
21 or note shall mature later than the final maturity date of the  
22 series of bonds or notes being refunded, and provided further  
23 that the debt service requirements for such refunding bonds or  
24 notes in the current or any future fiscal year shall not exceed  
25 the debt service requirements for that year on the refunded  
26 bonds or notes.

1       (3) In addition to the authority provided by paragraphs  
2 (1) and (2), the Authority is authorized to issue, sell, and  
3 deliver bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement  
4 Projects approved pursuant to Section 4.13 as follows:

5           \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued on or after  
6 January 1, 2000;

7           an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
8 on or after January 1, 2001;

9           an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
10 on or after January 1, 2002;

11           an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
12 on or after January 1, 2003;

13           an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued  
14 on or after January 1, 2004; and

15           the aggregate total authorization of bonds and notes  
16 for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects pursuant to  
17 this paragraph (3) as of January 1, 2004 shall be  
18 \$1,300,000,000.

19       The Authority is also authorized to issue, sell, and  
20 deliver bonds or notes in such amounts as are necessary to  
21 provide for the refunding or advance refunding of bonds or  
22 notes issued for Strategic Capital Improvement projects under  
23 this subdivision (g) (3), provided that no such refunding bond  
24 or note shall mature later than the final maturity date of the  
25 series of bonds or notes being refunded, and provided further  
26 that the debt service requirements for such refunding bonds or

1 notes in the current or any future fiscal year shall not exceed  
2 the debt service requirements for that year on the refunded  
3 bonds or notes.

4 (4) The Authority may not issue, sell, and deliver bonds  
5 or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects pursuant  
6 to paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (g) of Section 4.04 on or  
7 after June 1, 2026. Any outstanding bonds or notes of the  
8 Authority issued for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects  
9 under paragraph (2) or (3) of subsection (g) of Section 4.04  
10 shall remain in full force pursuant to the terms of the  
11 agreements with noteholders or bond holders relating to such  
12 bonds and notes.

13 (h) The Authority, subject to the terms of any agreements  
14 with noteholders or bond holders as may then exist, shall have  
15 power, out of any funds available therefor, to purchase notes  
16 or bonds of the Authority, which shall thereupon be cancelled.

17 (i) In addition to any other authority granted by law, the  
18 State Treasurer may, with the approval of the Governor, invest  
19 or reinvest, at a price not to exceed par, any State money in  
20 the State treasury which is not needed for current  
21 expenditures due or about to become due in Working Cash Notes.  
22 In the event of a default on a Working Cash Note issued by the  
23 Authority in which State money in the State treasury was  
24 invested, the Treasurer may, after giving notice to the  
25 Authority, certify to the Comptroller the amounts of the  
26 defaulted Working Cash Note, in accordance with any applicable

1 rules of the Comptroller, and the Comptroller must deduct and  
2 remit to the State treasury the certified amounts or a portion  
3 of those amounts from the following proportions of payments of  
4 State funds to the Authority:

5 (1) in the first year after default, one-third of the  
6 total amount of any payments of State funds to the  
7 Authority;

8 (2) in the second year after default, two-thirds of  
9 the total amount of any payments of State funds to the  
10 Authority; and

11 (3) in the third year after default and for each year  
12 thereafter until the total invested amount is repaid, the  
13 total amount of any payments of State funds to the  
14 Authority.

15 (j) The Authority may establish a line of credit with a  
16 bank or other financial institution as may be evidenced by the  
17 issuance of notes or other obligations, secured by and payable  
18 from all tax receipts of the Authority and any or all other  
19 revenues or moneys of the Authority, in an amount not to exceed  
20 the limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (g).  
21 Money borrowed under this subsection (j) shall be used to  
22 provide money for the Authority or the Service Boards to cover  
23 any cash flow deficit that the Authority or a Service Board  
24 anticipates incurring and shall be repaid within 24 months.

25 Before establishing a line of credit under this subsection  
26 (j), the Authority shall authorize the line of credit by

1 ordinance. The ordinance shall set forth facts demonstrating  
2 the need for the line of credit, state the amount to be  
3 borrowed, establish a maximum interest rate limit not to  
4 exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization  
5 Act, and provide a date by which the borrowed funds shall be  
6 repaid. The ordinance shall authorize and direct the relevant  
7 officials to make arrangements to set apart and hold, as  
8 applicable, the moneys that will be used to repay the  
9 borrowing. In addition, the ordinance may authorize the  
10 relevant officials to make partial repayments on the line of  
11 credit as the moneys become available and may contain any  
12 other terms, restrictions, or limitations desirable or  
13 necessary to give effect to this subsection (j).

14 The Authority shall notify the Governor's Office of  
15 Management and Budget and the State Comptroller at least 30  
16 days before establishing a line of credit and shall file with  
17 the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the State  
18 Comptroller a certified copy of any ordinance authorizing the  
19 establishment of a line of credit upon or before establishing  
20 the line of credit.

21 Moneys borrowed under a line of credit pursuant to this  
22 subsection (j) are general obligations of the Authority that  
23 are secured by the full faith and credit of the Authority.

24 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

1           Sec. 4.09. Public Transportation Fund and the Northern  
2 Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement  
3 Fund.

4           (a)(1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), as  
5 soon as possible after the first day of each month, beginning  
6 July 1, 1984, upon certification of the Department of Revenue,  
7 the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer  
8 shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to a special fund  
9 in the State treasury to be known as the Public Transportation  
10 Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the  
11 deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts pursuant to  
12 Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of  
13 the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from any tax  
14 imposed by the Authority pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1  
15 and 25% of the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois  
16 Transit Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this  
17 Act, from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as  
18 provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act and 25% of  
19 the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
20 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the  
21 State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section  
22 6z-17 of the State Finance Act.

23           On the first day of the month following the date that the  
24 Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
25 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by Public Act 95-708 and until  
26 the first day of the month following the date that the

1 Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
2 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
3 104th General Assembly, in lieu of the transfers authorized in  
4 the preceding sentence, upon certification of the Department  
5 of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
6 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
7 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net  
8 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer  
9 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax  
10 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
11 realized from (i) 80% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the  
12 Authority at a rate of 1.25% in Cook County, (ii) 75% of the  
13 proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1%  
14 in Cook County, and (iii) one-third of the proceeds of any tax  
15 imposed by the Authority at the rate of 0.75% in the Counties  
16 of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to  
17 Section 4.03, and 25% of the net revenue realized from any tax  
18 imposed by the Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.1, and 25%  
19 of the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
20 ~~Regional Transportation~~ Authority tax fund created by Section  
21 4.03 of this Act from the County and Mass Transit District Fund  
22 as provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 25%  
23 of the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
24 ~~Regional Transportation~~ Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
25 Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform  
26 Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act.

1           On the first day of the month following the date that the  
2 Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
3 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
4 104th General Assembly, in lieu of the transfers authorized in  
5 the preceding sentences, upon certification of the Department  
6 of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
7 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
8 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net  
9 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer  
10 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax  
11 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
12 realized from (i) two-thirds of the proceeds of any tax  
13 imposed by the Authority at a rate of 1.5% in Cook County, (ii)  
14 60% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the  
15 rate of 1.25% in Cook County, and (iii) 25% of the proceeds of  
16 any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% in the  
17 Counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all  
18 pursuant to Section 4.03, and 25% of the net revenue realized  
19 from any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to Section  
20 4.03.1, and 25% of the amounts deposited into the Northern  
21 Illinois Transit Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of  
22 this Act from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as  
23 provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 25% of  
24 the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
25 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the  
26 State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section

1 6z-17 of the State Finance Act.

2 As used in this Section, net revenue realized for a month  
3 shall be the revenue collected by the State pursuant to  
4 Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 during the previous month from within  
5 the metropolitan region, less the amount paid out during that  
6 same month as refunds to taxpayers for overpayment of  
7 liability in the metropolitan region under Sections 4.03 and  
8 4.03.1.

9 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
10 beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act  
11 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (1) of  
12 subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the  
13 Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall  
14 be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as  
15 the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

16 (2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), on  
17 February 1, 2008 ~~2009~~ (the first day of the month following the  
18 effective date of Public Act 95-708) and each month thereafter  
19 and until the first day of the month following the date that  
20 the Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
21 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
22 104th General Assembly, upon certification by the Department  
23 of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
24 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
25 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 5% of the net  
26 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer

1 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax  
2 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
3 realized from any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to  
4 Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 and certified by the Department of  
5 Revenue under Section 4.03(n) of this Act to be paid to the  
6 Authority and 5% of the amounts deposited into the Northern  
7 Illinois Transit Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of  
8 this Act from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as  
9 provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 5% of  
10 the amounts deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit  
11 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the  
12 State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section  
13 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, and 5% of the revenue realized  
14 by the Chicago Transit Authority as financial assistance from  
15 the City of Chicago from the proceeds of any tax imposed by the  
16 City of Chicago under Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal  
17 Code.

18 On the first day of the month following the date that the  
19 Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
20 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
21 104th General Assembly, upon certification of the Department  
22 of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
23 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
24 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 5% of the net  
25 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer  
26 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax

1 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
2 realized from (i) five-sixths of the proceeds of any tax  
3 imposed by the Authority at a rate of 1.5% in Cook County, (ii)  
4 80% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the  
5 rate of 1.25% in Cook County, and (iii) two-thirds of the  
6 proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1%  
7 in the Counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all  
8 pursuant to Section 4.03 and certified by the Department of  
9 Revenue under Section 4.03(n) of this Act to be paid to the  
10 Authority, and 5% of the net revenue realized from any tax  
11 imposed by the Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.1 and  
12 certified by the Department of Revenue under Section 4.03.1(d)  
13 of this Act to be paid to the Authority, and 5% of the amounts  
14 deposited into the Northern Illinois Transit Authority tax  
15 fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act from the County and  
16 Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 6z-20 of the  
17 State Finance Act, and 5% of the amounts deposited into the  
18 Northern Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax  
19 Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform  
20 Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, and  
21 5% of the revenue realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as  
22 financial assistance from the City of Chicago from the  
23 proceeds of any tax imposed by the City of Chicago under  
24 Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

25 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
26 beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act

1 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (2) of  
2 subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the  
3 Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall  
4 be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as  
5 the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

6 (3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), as soon  
7 as possible after the first day of January, 2009 and each month  
8 thereafter and until the first day of the month following the  
9 date that the Department receives revenues from increased  
10 taxes under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory  
11 Act of the 104th General Assembly, upon certification of the  
12 Department of Revenue with respect to the taxes collected  
13 under Section 4.03, the Comptroller shall order transferred  
14 and the Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund  
15 to the Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the  
16 net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and  
17 retailer discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service  
18 Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation  
19 Tax Act, realized from (i) 20% of the proceeds of any tax  
20 imposed by the Authority at a rate of 1.25% in Cook County,  
21 (ii) 25% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at  
22 the rate of 1% in Cook County, and (iii) one-third of the  
23 proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of  
24 0.75% in the Counties of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and  
25 Will, all pursuant to Section 4.03, and the Comptroller shall  
26 order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from the

1 General Revenue Fund to the Public Transportation Fund (iv) an  
2 amount equal to 25% of the revenue realized by the Chicago  
3 Transit Authority as financial assistance from the City of  
4 Chicago from the proceeds of any tax imposed by the City of  
5 Chicago under Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

6 On the first day of the month following the date that the  
7 Department receives revenues from increased taxes under  
8 Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the  
9 104th General Assembly, upon certification of the Department  
10 of Revenue with respect to the taxes collected under Section  
11 4.03, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
12 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
13 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net  
14 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer  
15 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax  
16 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act,  
17 realized from (i) one-sixth of the proceeds of any tax imposed  
18 by the Authority at a rate of 1.5% in Cook County, (ii) 20% of  
19 the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of  
20 1.25% in Cook County, and (iii) 25% of the proceeds of any tax  
21 imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% in the Counties of  
22 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to Section  
23 4.03, and the Comptroller shall order transferred and the  
24 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the  
25 Public Transportation Fund (iv) an amount equal to 25% of the  
26 revenue realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as financial

1 assistance from the City of Chicago from the proceeds of any  
2 tax imposed by the City of Chicago under Section 8-3-19 of the  
3 Illinois Municipal Code.

4 Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
5 beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act  
6 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (3) of  
7 subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the  
8 Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall  
9 be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as  
10 the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

11 (4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary,  
12 for the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and each State  
13 fiscal year thereafter, the first \$150,000,000 that would have  
14 otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund and  
15 deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as provided in  
16 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall  
17 instead be transferred from the Road Fund by the Treasurer  
18 upon certification by the Department of Revenue and order of  
19 the Comptroller. For the State fiscal year beginning July 1,  
20 2024, only, the next \$75,000,000 that would have otherwise  
21 been transferred from the General Revenue Fund and deposited  
22 into the Public Transportation Fund as provided in paragraphs  
23 (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall instead be  
24 transferred from the Road Fund and deposited into the Public  
25 Transportation Fund by the Treasurer upon certification by the  
26 Department of Revenue and order of the Comptroller. The funds

1 authorized and transferred pursuant to this amendatory Act of  
2 the 103rd General Assembly are not intended or planned for  
3 road construction projects. For the State fiscal year  
4 beginning July 1, 2024, only, the next \$50,000,000 that would  
5 have otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund  
6 and deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as provided  
7 in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall  
8 instead be transferred from the Underground Storage Tank Fund  
9 and deposited into the Public Transportation Fund by the  
10 Treasurer upon certification by the Department of Revenue and  
11 order of the Comptroller. The remaining balance shall be  
12 deposited each State fiscal year as otherwise provided in  
13 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a).

14 (5) (Blank).

15 (6) (Blank).

16 (7) For State fiscal year 2020 only, notwithstanding any  
17 provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue  
18 and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues  
19 realized during State fiscal year 2020 shall be reduced by 5%.

20 (8) For State fiscal year 2021 only, notwithstanding any  
21 provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue  
22 and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues  
23 realized during State fiscal year 2021 shall be reduced by 5%.

24 (b)(1) All moneys deposited in the Public Transportation  
25 Fund and the Northern Illinois Transit Authority Occupation  
26 and Use Tax Replacement Fund, whether deposited pursuant to

1 this Section or otherwise, are allocated to the Authority,  
2 except for amounts appropriated to the Office of the Executive  
3 Inspector General as authorized by subsection (h) of Section  
4 4.03.3 and amounts transferred to the Audit Expense Fund  
5 pursuant to Section 6z-27 of the State Finance Act. The  
6 Comptroller, as soon as possible after each monthly transfer  
7 provided in this Section and after each deposit into the  
8 Public Transportation Fund, shall order the Treasurer to pay  
9 to the Authority out of the Public Transportation Fund the  
10 amount so transferred or deposited. Any Additional State  
11 Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance paid to the  
12 Authority under this Section shall be expended by the  
13 Authority for its purposes as provided in this Act. The  
14 balance of the amounts paid to the Authority from the Public  
15 Transportation Fund shall be expended by the Authority as  
16 provided in Section 4.03.3. The Comptroller, as soon as  
17 possible after each deposit into the Northern Illinois Transit  
18 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided in  
19 this Section, in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, shall  
20 order the Treasurer to pay to the Authority out of the Northern  
21 Illinois Transit Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement  
22 Fund the amount so deposited. Such amounts paid to the  
23 Authority may be expended by it for its purposes as provided in  
24 this Act. The provisions directing the distributions from the  
25 Public Transportation Fund and the Northern Illinois Transit  
26 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided for

1 in this Section shall constitute an irrevocable and continuing  
2 appropriation of all amounts as provided herein. The State  
3 Treasurer and State Comptroller are hereby authorized and  
4 directed to make distributions as provided in this Section.

5 (2) Provided, however, no moneys deposited under  
6 subsection (a) of this Section shall be paid from the Public  
7 Transportation Fund to the Authority or its assignee for any  
8 fiscal year until the Authority has certified to the Governor,  
9 the Comptroller, and the Mayor of the City of Chicago that it  
10 has adopted for that fiscal year an Annual Budget and 2-Year  
11 Financial Plan meeting the requirements in Section 4.01(b).

12 (3) For the purposes of this Section, beginning in Fiscal  
13 Year 2027, the General Assembly shall appropriate an amount  
14 from the Public Transportation Fund equal to the sum total of  
15 funds projected to be paid to the participants under Section 9  
16 of the Use Tax Act, Section 9 of the Service Use Tax Act,  
17 Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act, and Section 3 of  
18 the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. If the General Assembly  
19 fails to make appropriations sufficient to cover the amounts  
20 projected to be paid under Section 9 of the Use Tax Act,  
21 Section 9 of the Service Use Tax Act, Section 9 of the Service  
22 Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation  
23 Tax Act, then this Act shall constitute an irrevocable and  
24 continuing appropriation from the Public Transportation Fund  
25 of all amounts necessary for those purposes.

26 (c) In recognition of the efforts of the Authority to

1 enhance the mass transportation facilities under its control,  
2 the State shall provide financial assistance ("Additional  
3 State Assistance") in excess of the amounts transferred to the  
4 Authority from the General Revenue Fund under subsection (a)  
5 of this Section. Additional State Assistance shall be  
6 calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no  
7 event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to  
8 the following State fiscal years:

9	1990	\$5,000,000;
10	1991	\$5,000,000;
11	1992	\$10,000,000;
12	1993	\$10,000,000;
13	1994	\$20,000,000;
14	1995	\$30,000,000;
15	1996	\$40,000,000;
16	1997	\$50,000,000;
17	1998	\$55,000,000; and
18	each year thereafter	\$55,000,000.

19 (c-5) The State shall provide financial assistance  
20 ("Additional Financial Assistance") in addition to the  
21 Additional State Assistance provided by subsection (c) and the  
22 amounts transferred to the Authority from the General Revenue  
23 Fund under subsection (a) of this Section. Additional  
24 Financial Assistance provided by this subsection shall be  
25 calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no  
26 event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to

1 the following State fiscal years:

2           2000                   \$0;  
3           2001                   \$16,000,000;  
4           2002                   \$35,000,000;  
5           2003                   \$54,000,000;  
6           2004                   \$73,000,000;  
7           2005                   \$93,000,000; and  
8           each year thereafter   \$100,000,000.

9           (d) Beginning with State fiscal year 1990 and continuing  
10 for each State fiscal year thereafter, the Authority shall  
11 annually certify to the State Comptroller and State Treasurer,  
12 separately with respect to each of subdivisions (g)(2) and  
13 (g)(3) of Section 4.04 of this Act, the following amounts:

14           (1) The amount necessary and required, during the  
15 State fiscal year with respect to which the certification  
16 is made, to pay its obligations for debt service on all  
17 outstanding bonds or notes issued by the Authority under  
18 subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) of Section 4.04 of this  
19 Act.

20           (2) An estimate of the amount necessary and required  
21 to pay its obligations for debt service for any bonds or  
22 notes which the Authority anticipates it will issue under  
23 subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) of Section 4.04 during that  
24 State fiscal year.

25           (3) Its debt service savings during the preceding  
26 State fiscal year from refunding or advance refunding of

1 bonds or notes issued under subdivisions (g) (2) and (g) (3)  
2 of Section 4.04.

3 (4) The amount of interest, if any, earned by the  
4 Authority during the previous State fiscal year on the  
5 proceeds of bonds or notes issued pursuant to subdivisions  
6 (g) (2) and (g) (3) of Section 4.04, other than refunding or  
7 advance refunding bonds or notes.

8 The certification shall include a specific schedule of  
9 debt service payments, including the date and amount of each  
10 payment for all outstanding bonds or notes and an estimated  
11 schedule of anticipated debt service for all bonds and notes  
12 it intends to issue, if any, during that State fiscal year,  
13 including the estimated date and estimated amount of each  
14 payment.

15 Immediately upon the issuance of bonds for which an  
16 estimated schedule of debt service payments was prepared, the  
17 Authority shall file an amended certification with respect to  
18 item (2) above, to specify the actual schedule of debt service  
19 payments, including the date and amount of each payment, for  
20 the remainder of the State fiscal year.

21 On the first day of each month of the State fiscal year in  
22 which there are bonds outstanding with respect to which the  
23 certification is made, the State Comptroller shall order  
24 transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer from the  
25 Road Fund to the Public Transportation Fund the Additional  
26 State Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance in an

1 amount equal to the aggregate of (i) one-twelfth of the sum of  
2 the amounts certified under items (1) and (3) above less the  
3 amount certified under item (4) above, plus (ii) the amount  
4 required to pay debt service on bonds and notes issued during  
5 the fiscal year, if any, divided by the number of months  
6 remaining in the fiscal year after the date of issuance, or  
7 some smaller portion as may be necessary under subsection (c)  
8 or (c-5) of this Section for the relevant State fiscal year,  
9 plus (iii) any cumulative deficiencies in transfers for prior  
10 months, until an amount equal to the sum of the amounts  
11 certified under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt  
12 service certified under item (2) above, less the amount  
13 certified under item (4) above, has been transferred; except  
14 that these transfers are subject to the following limits:

15 (A) In no event shall the total transfers in any State  
16 fiscal year relating to outstanding bonds and notes issued  
17 by the Authority under subdivision (g)(2) of Section 4.04  
18 exceed the lesser of the annual maximum amount specified  
19 in subsection (c) or the sum of the amounts certified  
20 under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt  
21 service certified under item (2) above, less the amount  
22 certified under item (4) above, with respect to those  
23 bonds and notes.

24 (B) In no event shall the total transfers in any State  
25 fiscal year relating to outstanding bonds and notes issued  
26 by the Authority under subdivision (g)(3) of Section 4.04

1 exceed the lesser of the annual maximum amount specified  
2 in subsection (c-5) or the sum of the amounts certified  
3 under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt  
4 service certified under item (2) above, less the amount  
5 certified under item (4) above, with respect to those  
6 bonds and notes.

7 The term "outstanding" does not include bonds or notes for  
8 which refunding or advance refunding bonds or notes have been  
9 issued.

10 (e) Neither Additional State Assistance nor Additional  
11 Financial Assistance may be pledged, either directly or  
12 indirectly as general revenues of the Authority, as security  
13 for any bonds issued by the Authority. The Authority may not  
14 assign its right to receive Additional State Assistance or  
15 Additional Financial Assistance, or direct payment of  
16 Additional State Assistance or Additional Financial  
17 Assistance, to a trustee or any other entity for the payment of  
18 debt service on its bonds.

19 (f) The certification required under subsection (d) with  
20 respect to outstanding bonds and notes of the Authority shall  
21 be filed as early as practicable before the beginning of the  
22 State fiscal year to which it relates. The certification shall  
23 be revised as may be necessary to accurately state the debt  
24 service requirements of the Authority.

25 (g) (Blank). ~~and 2026~~

26 (h) (Blank).

1 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 1-1-24; 103-588, eff. 6-5-24;  
2 104-434, eff. 11-21-25; 104-457, eff. 6-1-26; revised 1-7-26.)

3 (70 ILCS 3615/5.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 705.05)  
4 Sec. 5.05. Opt out.

5 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, if  
6 the County Board of the County of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry,  
7 or Will by ordinance authorizes that such county shall elect  
8 to terminate the powers of the Authority and the Suburban Bus  
9 Division in that County, the Secretary of such County Board  
10 shall certify that proposition to the proper election  
11 officials, who shall submit such proposition at an election in  
12 accordance with the general election law to decide whether or  
13 not the County shall opt out; and if a majority of the voters  
14 voting upon the proposition is in favor of terminating the  
15 powers of the Authority and the Suburban Bus Division those  
16 powers shall be terminated.

17 The form of the ballot to be used at the referendum shall  
18 be substantially as follows:

19 -----  
20 Shall ..... County Terminate the  
21 Powers of the Northern Illinois YES  
22 Transit Authority and the Suburban Bus -----  
23 Division in .... County NO  
24 on ..... (date)  
25 -----

1           If a majority of the voters vote in favor of terminating  
2 the powers of the Authority and the Suburban Bus Division then  
3 all of the powers of the Authority and the Suburban Bus  
4 Division shall terminate in such county except those powers  
5 and functions which the Authority determines to be necessary  
6 to exercise with regard to:

7           (i) public transportation by commuter rail, and  
8 related public transportation facilities;

9           (ii) public transportation other than by commuter rail  
10 which is required in order to comply with federal or State  
11 laws and regulations, and related public transportation  
12 facilities; and

13           (iii) public transportation other than by commuter  
14 rail provided by the Suburban Bus Division pursuant to  
15 contract with the County or other governmental entity  
16 therein, and related public transportation facilities.

17           (b) The termination of the powers of the Authority and the  
18 Suburban Bus Division referred to in paragraph (a) of this  
19 Section with respect to any County shall occur on approval of  
20 the referendum by the electors provided on or prior to the date  
21 of such termination, such County shall have:

22           (i) assumed the obligations of the Authority under all  
23 laws, federal or State, and all contracts with respect to  
24 public transportation or public transportation facilities  
25 in such County, which statutory or contractual obligations  
26 extend beyond the termination date provided for in

1       accordance with paragraph (c) of this Section provided  
2       that such obligations shall not be deemed to include any  
3       indebtedness of the Authority for borrowed money;

4           (ii) agreed to indemnify and hold harmless the  
5       Authority against any and all claims, actions, and  
6       liabilities arising out of or in connection with the  
7       termination of the Authority's powers and functions  
8       pursuant to paragraph (a) of this Section; and

9           (iii) taken or caused to be taken all necessary  
10       actions and fulfilled or caused to be fulfilled all  
11       requirements under federal and State laws, rules and  
12       regulations with respect to such termination and any  
13       related transfers of assets or liabilities of the  
14       Authority. A County may, by mutual agreement with the  
15       Authority, permit the Authority to fulfill one or more  
16       contracts which by their terms extend beyond the  
17       termination date provided for in accordance with paragraph  
18       (c) of this Section, in which case the powers and  
19       functions of the Authority in that County shall survive  
20       only to the extent deemed necessary by the Authority to  
21       fulfill said contract or contracts. The satisfaction of  
22       the requirements provided for in this paragraph shall be  
23       evidenced in such manner as the Authority may require.

24       (c) Following an election to terminate the powers of the  
25       Authority and the Suburban Bus Division at a referendum held  
26       under paragraph (a) of this Section the County Board shall

1 notify the Authority of the results of the referendum which  
2 notice shall specify a termination date, which is the last day  
3 of the calendar month, but no earlier than December 31, 1984.  
4 Unless the termination date is extended by mutual agreement  
5 between the County and the Authority, the termination of the  
6 powers and functions of the Authority in the County shall  
7 occur at midnight on the termination date, provided that the  
8 requirements of this Section have been met.

9 (d) The proceeds of taxes imposed by the Authority under  
10 Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 collected after the termination date  
11 within a County wherein the powers of the Authority and the  
12 Suburban Bus Division have been terminated under this Section  
13 shall be provided by the Authority to the Commuter Rail Board  
14 to support services under the jurisdiction of the Commuter  
15 Rail Board which are attributable to that County, as  
16 determined by the Commuter Rail Board. Any proceeds which are  
17 in excess of that necessary to support such services shall be  
18 paid by the Authority to that County to be expended for general  
19 transportation purposes in accordance with law. If no services  
20 under the jurisdiction of the Commuter Rail Board are provided  
21 in a County wherein the powers of the Authority have been  
22 terminated under this Section, all proceeds of taxes imposed  
23 by the Authority in the County shall be paid by the Authority  
24 to the County to be expended for general transportation  
25 purposes in accordance with law. The Authority or the Suburban  
26 Bus Division has no obligation to see that the funds expended

1 under this paragraph by the County are spent for general  
2 transportation purposes in accordance with law.

3 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

4 (70 ILCS 3615/6.01)

5 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
6 delayed effective date)

7 Sec. 6.01. Service standards.

8 (a) The Authority shall adopt service standards to guide  
9 the provision of public transportation throughout the  
10 metropolitan region.

11 (b) The service standards shall identify quantitative and  
12 qualitative attributes of quality public transit service using  
13 metrics drawn from the performance of high-quality transit  
14 systems in global metropolitan areas with populations and  
15 metropolitan economies comparable to the metropolitan region.

16 (c) The service standards shall include a framework that  
17 describes the appropriate characteristics for each type of  
18 service or mode. These characteristics include, but are not  
19 limited to, mode, frequency, time span, vehicle type, stop  
20 spacing, vehicle and stop amenities, network connectivity,  
21 route directness, route deviation, and coverage of service.  
22 Consideration shall be given to vehicle revenue hours, vehicle  
23 revenue miles, passenger miles traveled, and unlinked  
24 passenger trips.

25 (d) The service standards shall cover the entire

1 metropolitan region and include the development of transit  
2 propensity thresholds for each type of service or mode.  
3 Transit propensity metrics shall include, but are not limited  
4 to, population density, employment density, low-income  
5 populations, disabled populations, zero-car households,  
6 intersection density, and the presence of sidewalks. The  
7 Authority shall develop weights for each metric and a scoring  
8 system to determine transit propensity.

9 (e) The service standards shall be adjusted as appropriate  
10 to accommodate the addition of modes of public transportation  
11 not currently being provided by the Authority, which may  
12 include, but are not limited to:

13 (1) streetcars;

14 (2) light rail;

15 (3) full-scale bus rapid transit;

16 (4) a transition from commuter rail to regional rail  
17 or a combination of commuter and regional rail; and

18 (5) electrified versions of current combustion engine  
19 vehicle systems.

20 (f) A unit of local government may petition the Authority  
21 to increase the level of transit service provided above what  
22 would otherwise be provided through the service standards. The  
23 Authority may develop plans and policies to assist units of  
24 local government in identifying corridors where additional  
25 service could be provided.

26 (g) The service standards shall include the transition of

1 commuter rail in the metropolitan region to a regional rail  
2 service pattern or the retention of commuter rail with  
3 additional regional rail service.

4 (h) Service standards and transit propensity thresholds  
5 shall be developed, adopted by the board of directors, and  
6 implemented by December 31, 2027.

7 (1) The development of such standards shall be done  
8 cooperatively by staff of the Authority and the Service  
9 Boards, including input from the bus and train operators  
10 and train operating crews employed by the Service Boards.

11 (2) In developing and evaluating the service  
12 standards, consideration shall be given to limitations  
13 experienced by the Commuter Rail Division due to shared  
14 infrastructure with freight rail.

15 (3) After service standards are implemented, the  
16 Authority shall meet with each of the Service Boards at  
17 least quarterly each year to ensure operations are  
18 continuing effectively and to discuss issues or concerns  
19 related to the service standards.

20 (4) The Board shall review and make adjustments to the  
21 service standards in conjunction with its adoption of the  
22 Authority's Strategic Plan.

23 (i) Until December 31, 2030, this Section shall only apply  
24 to revenue generated by taxes under Section 4.03 and any funds  
25 distributed to the Service Boards based on Section 4.03.3.

26 (j) Until December 31, 2030, the amount of funding

1 distributed to each Service Board under this Section shall be,  
2 at a minimum, equal to the amount of funding distributed in  
3 2025 under Section 4.03.3 to each Service Board. If the  
4 revenue generated under Section 4.03.3 ~~4.03.03~~ in a year is  
5 below that of 2025, then the amount of funding distributed to  
6 each Service Board under this Section shall be reduced  
7 proportionally.

8 (k) Following the implementation of service standards, the  
9 Authority and the Service Boards, their chief executive  
10 officers, and other employees as required shall, upon request  
11 of the General Assembly, attend a minimum of one hearing  
12 annually before an appropriations committee and a substantive  
13 committee of the House of Representatives and an  
14 appropriations committee and a substantive committee of the  
15 Senate regarding the implementation and efficacy of service  
16 standards and other issues as requested. These hearings may be  
17 conducted in Chicago or Springfield or any other location  
18 selected by the General Assembly.

19 (l) The Authority shall compile and publish reports  
20 comparing the actual public transportation system performance  
21 measured against the service standards. The performance  
22 measures shall include customer-related performance data  
23 measured by line, route, or subregion, as determined by the  
24 Authority, including, but not limited to:

25 (1) travel times and on-time performance;

26 (2) ridership data;

- 1 (3) equipment failure rates;
- 2 (4) employee and customer safety;
- 3 (5) crowding;
- 4 (6) cleanliness of vehicles and stations;
- 5 (7) service productivity; and
- 6 (8) customer satisfaction.

7 The Service Boards shall prepare and submit to the  
8 Authority the reports with regard to these performance  
9 measures in the frequency and form required by the Authority.  
10 The Authority shall compile and publish the reports on its  
11 website on a regular basis, no less than monthly. The  
12 Authority shall implement consistent data reporting standards.

13 (m) The service standards and performance measures shall  
14 not be used as a basis for disciplinary action against any  
15 employee of the Authority or a Service Board, except to the  
16 extent that the collective bargaining agreements and  
17 employment and disciplinary practices of the Authority or the  
18 relevant Service Board provide for the action.

19 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

20 (70 ILCS 3615/7.02)

21 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
22 delayed effective date)

23 Sec. 7.02. Transition.

24 (a) The Authority shall provide for an orderly transition  
25 of functions and responsibilities under this amendatory Act of

1 the 104th General Assembly through the development of a  
2 transition plan. As soon as is reasonably feasible after the  
3 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General  
4 Assembly and before September 1, 2026, the Department of  
5 Transportation shall enter into a contract with a third party  
6 to assist with the transition plan, including the transition  
7 of certain functions between the Service Boards and the  
8 Authority. This contract shall also include a study of the  
9 functions outlined in subsection (f) ~~(e)~~ to inform the optimum  
10 allocation of those functions to allow for the efficient  
11 exercise by the Authority of the powers under this Act and the  
12 Chicago Transit Authority Act, the Suburban Bus Division under  
13 Article 3A, the Commuter Rail Division under Article 3B, and  
14 the Chicago Transit Authority under the Chicago Transit  
15 Authority Act.

16 (b) To assist the contracted third party and the  
17 Authority, a Transition Working Group shall be established and  
18 supported by the Authority that shall be consulted throughout  
19 the transition process.

20 (1) The Transition Working Group shall be made up of  
21 15 members, comprised of representatives from the  
22 Authority, each of the Service Boards, and at least one  
23 member from a statewide labor organization recognized  
24 under the National Labor Relations Act or the Railway  
25 Labor Act, who reside ~~and resides~~ within the 6-county  
26 metropolitan region of the Authority.

1           (2) The Transition Working Group shall meet regularly  
2 with the Authority and the hired third party throughout  
3 the duration of the contract to provide insight into the  
4 workings of the Authority and Service Boards.

5           (3) As needed, the Transition Working Group shall  
6 convene and assemble other necessary staff of the Service  
7 Boards and the Authority to aid in the transition.

8           (4) The Authority shall appoint the members of the  
9 Transition Working Group by October 1, 2026.

10          (c) The Service Boards shall work closely with the  
11 Authority and provide all relevant data and information  
12 necessary to complete the transition plan. The Authority shall  
13 have access to and the right to examine and copy all books,  
14 documents, papers, records, or other source data of a Service  
15 Board relevant to any information submitted under this  
16 Section.

17          (d) The Authority shall evaluate and propose a transition  
18 plan for each of the following:

19           (1) Establishing a new process and coordination  
20 between the Authority and the Service Boards to create the  
21 5-Year Capital Program. This process shall be established  
22 by January 1, 2027.

23           (2) The creation of a universal fare instrument and  
24 necessary coordination between the Authority and the  
25 Service Boards. This process shall be established by July  
26 1, 2027.

1           (3) The transition from the NITA Law Enforcement Task  
2 Force to a sworn law enforcement officer crime prevention  
3 program on public transportation and a crime prevention  
4 plan to protect public transportation employees and riders  
5 in the metropolitan region, as required by Section  
6 2.11.10.

7           (e) As part of the development of the transition plan, the  
8 Authority and the hired third party shall evaluate the  
9 existing policy processes performed by the Authority and each  
10 of the Service Boards and develop a process for efficient and  
11 effective operations by both the Authority and the Service  
12 Boards.

13           (f) As part of the development of the transition plan, the  
14 hired third party shall evaluate:

15                 (1) procurement, with special consideration given to  
16 the consolidation of bulk fuel purchases, information  
17 technology services, consulting contracts, and  
18 subscriptions;

19                 (2) service planning;

20                 (3) grant administration;

21                 (4) marketing;

22                 (5) lobbying;

23                 (6) communications, media, and graphic design;

24                 (7) governmental and legislative affairs; and

25                 (8) information technology.

26 ~~As part of the development of the transit plan, the hired~~

1 ~~third party shall evaluate procurement, with special~~  
2 ~~consideration given to the consolidation of bulk fuel~~  
3 ~~purchases, information technology services, consulting~~  
4 ~~contracts, and subscriptions of:~~

5 ~~(1) service planning;~~

6 ~~(2) grant administration;~~

7 ~~(3) marketing;~~

8 ~~(4) lobbying;~~

9 ~~(5) communications, media, and graphics design;~~

10 ~~(6) governmental and legislative affairs; and~~

11 ~~(7) information technology.~~

12 (g) The hired third party shall evaluate existing  
13 paratransit programs and produce recommendations for improved  
14 coordination and service. The recommendations may include, but  
15 are not limited to, improved coordination of paratransit and  
16 accessible mainline transportation services, and other  
17 measures to improve the customer and worker experience. These  
18 recommendations shall be brought to the Board by January 1,  
19 2027 for review and approval. The Authority shall take action  
20 on these recommendations no later than April 1, 2027 and  
21 report back to the Board with progress by January 1, 2028.

22 (h) The Authority shall regularly report to the Board on  
23 the status of the transition effort and make recommendations  
24 for Board policies and actions. The Authority and the hired  
25 third party shall prepare and convey a summary of their ~~its~~  
26 activities and produce a final report of the transition

1 activities already performed, future recommendations, and  
2 relevant data for the General Assembly by July 1, 2027.

3 (i) The Authority shall implement the provisions of the  
4 transition plan by ordinance no later than September 30, 2027  
5 ~~July 1, 2027~~, notwithstanding any deadlines provided in this  
6 Section, and the Service Boards shall take any corresponding  
7 actions required.

8 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

9 (70 ILCS 3615/7.03)

10 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
11 delayed effective date)

12 Sec. 7.03. ADA Advisory Council.

13 (a) There is established an ADA Advisory Council. The  
14 Board shall appoint at least 5 and not more than 15 members to  
15 the ADA Advisory Council.

16 (b) The purpose of the ADA Advisory Council is to advise  
17 the Board of the Authority of the impact of Authority  
18 policies, programs, and public transportation services on  
19 disabled transit riders within the metropolitan region and to  
20 make recommendations for how to improve public transportation  
21 in the metropolitan region.

22 (c) The Board shall strive to assemble an ADA Advisory  
23 Council that is reflective of the diversity of the  
24 metropolitan region, the users of the various modes of public  
25 transportation, and the interests of the residents of the

1 region in a strong public transportation system.

2 (d) ADA Advisory Council members shall be appointed to  
3 terms of 5 years, may be reappointed to serve multiple terms,  
4 and may continue to serve after expiration of their terms  
5 until their successors are appointed.

6 (e) The members of the ADA Advisory Council shall elect a  
7 Chair, who shall preside over meetings, which shall occur  
8 monthly or on such other schedule as is set by vote of the ADA  
9 Advisory Council, and shall establish meeting agendas in  
10 consultation with fellow ADA Advisory Council members and the  
11 Authority.

12 (f) Meetings of the ADA Advisory Council shall be held in  
13 compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and the public shall be  
14 given an opportunity to attend and comment on matters  
15 pertaining to the work of the ADA Advisory Council.

16 (g) The Authority shall designate one or more staff  
17 liaisons to provide technical support for the ADA Advisory  
18 Council and to facilitate direct communication between the ADA  
19 Advisory Council and those in the Authority responsible for  
20 delivering public transportation services.

21 (h) The ADA Advisory Council shall:

22 (1) review and comment on proposed Authority budgets,  
23 financial plans, capital programs, fare policies, and  
24 service standards;

25 (2) convey concerns pertaining to the quality,  
26 efficiency, safety, accessibility, and equity of mainline

1 and paratransit public transportation services as they  
2 impact disabled riders;

3 (3) assess the efficacy of Authority initiatives to  
4 protect the safety of disabled riders on the public  
5 transportation system;

6 (4) prepare and convey recommendations to the  
7 Authority for how the Authority can improve the quality,  
8 efficiency, and equity of public transportation service  
9 for disabled riders in the metropolitan region;

10 (5) serve as a resource for connecting disabled riders  
11 and disability advocacy organizations with those in the  
12 Authority responsible for delivering public transportation  
13 services;

14 (6) advocate for funding, policies, and laws that  
15 shall improve public transportation in the metropolitan  
16 region; and

17 (7) serve as a resource for Authority staff to discuss  
18 proposed changes to services, policies, and technologies  
19 affecting disabled transit riders before those changes are  
20 implemented.

21 (i) The Authority shall provide adequate technical support  
22 so the ADA Advisory Council can function effectively, provide  
23 regular briefings ~~briefing~~ on service delivery issues and  
24 other topics of interest for transit riders, make staff  
25 responsible for delivery of public transportation services  
26 accessible to the ADA Advisory Council, give the ADA Advisory

1 Council sufficient information and time to comment on proposed  
2 plans and policies, and take into account the comments and  
3 recommendations of the ADA Advisory Council before taking  
4 action on initiatives that impact public transit riders.

5 (j) The Authority shall establish an Office of Disability  
6 ~~of~~ Policy and Planning, whose initial responsibilities shall  
7 include developing ADA-related training standards, complaint  
8 and comment procedures, paratransit eligibility criteria, and  
9 a regional Transit Accessibility Plan in collaboration with  
10 the ADA Advisory Council ~~Committee~~.

11 (k) Members of the ADA Advisory Council shall serve  
12 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of  
13 reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the performance of  
14 their duties.

15 (l) (Blank). ~~ADA Advisory Council members are subject to~~  
16 ~~public transportation usage requirements applicable to~~  
17 ~~Directors.~~

18 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

19 (70 ILCS 3615/7.04)

20 (This Section may contain text from a Public Act with a  
21 delayed effective date)

22 Sec. 7.04. Riders Advisory Council.

23 (a) There is established a Riders Advisory Council. The  
24 Board shall appoint at least 5 and not more than 15 members to  
25 the Riders Advisory Council.

1           (b) The purpose of the Riders Advisory Council is to  
2 advise the Board of the Authority on the impact of Authority  
3 policies, programs, and public transportation services on  
4 transit riders within the metropolitan region and to make  
5 recommendations for how to improve public transportation in  
6 the metropolitan region.

7           (c) The Board shall strive to assemble a Riders Advisory  
8 Council that is reflective of the diversity of the  
9 metropolitan region, the users of the various modes of public  
10 transportation, and the interests of the residents of the  
11 region in a strong public transportation system.

12           (d) Members of the Riders Advisory Council shall be  
13 appointed to terms of 5 years, may be reappointed to serve  
14 multiple terms, and may continue to serve after expiration of  
15 their terms until their successors are appointed.

16           (e) The members of the Riders Advisory Council shall elect  
17 a Chair, who shall preside over meetings, which shall occur  
18 monthly or on such other schedule as is set by vote of the  
19 Riders Advisory Council, and shall establish meeting agendas  
20 in consultation with fellow Riders Advisory Council members  
21 and the Authority.

22           (f) Meetings of the Riders Advisory Council shall be held  
23 in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, and the public shall  
24 be given an opportunity to attend and comment on matters  
25 pertaining to the work of the Riders Advisory Council.

26           (g) The Authority shall designate one or more staff

1 liaisons to provide technical support for the Riders Advisory  
2 Council and to facilitate direct communication between the  
3 Riders Advisory Council and those in the Authority responsible  
4 for delivering public transportation services.

5 (h) The Riders Advisory Council shall:

6 (1) review and comment on proposed Authority budgets,  
7 financial plans, capital programs, fare policies, and  
8 service standards;

9 (2) convey rider concerns pertaining to the quality,  
10 efficiency, safety, accessibility, and equity of public  
11 transportation services;

12 (3) assess the efficacy of Authority initiatives to  
13 protect the safety of riders on the public transportation  
14 system;

15 (4) prepare and convey recommendations to the  
16 Authority for how the Authority can improve the quality,  
17 efficiency, and equity of public transportation service in  
18 the metropolitan region;

19 (5) serve as a resource for connecting riders and  
20 rider advocacy organizations with those in the Authority  
21 responsible for delivering public transportation services;

22 (6) advocate for funding, policies, and laws that  
23 shall improve public transportation in the metropolitan  
24 region; and

25 (7) serve as a resource for Authority staff to discuss  
26 proposed changes to services, policies, and technologies

1 affecting transit riders before those changes are  
2 implemented ~~Implemented~~.

3 (i) The Authority shall provide adequate technical support  
4 so the Riders Advisory Council can function effectively,  
5 provide regular briefings ~~briefing~~ on service delivery issues  
6 and other topics of interest for transit riders, make staff  
7 responsible for delivery of public transportation services  
8 accessible to the Riders Advisory Council, give the Riders  
9 Advisory Council sufficient information and time to comment on  
10 proposed plans and policies, and take into account the  
11 comments and recommendations of the Riders Advisory Council  
12 before taking action on initiatives that impact public transit  
13 riders.

14 (j) Members of the Riders Advisory Council shall serve  
15 without compensation but shall be entitled to reimbursement of  
16 reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the performance of  
17 their duties.

18 (k) (Blank). ~~Riders Advisory Council members are subject~~  
19 ~~to public transportation system usage requirements applicable~~  
20 ~~to Directors.~~

21 (Source: P.A. 104-457, eff. 6-1-26.)

22 Section 55. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
23 amended by adding Section 3.01.05 as follows:

24 (70 ILCS 3615/3.01.05 new)

1       Sec. 3.01.05. Board of Directors. Beginning September 1,  
2       2026, the corporate authorities and governing and  
3       administrative body of the Authority shall be a Board  
4       consisting of 20 Directors appointed as follows:

5       (a) Five Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of  
6       Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council of the  
7       City of Chicago. Each Director shall reside in the City of  
8       Chicago. Directors appointed under this subsection shall  
9       include:

10       (1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who  
11       shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit  
12       Authority;

13       (2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who  
14       shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit  
15       Authority;

16       (3) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who  
17       shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

18       (4) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who  
19       shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

20       (5) one Director with an initial term of 5 years.

21       (a-5) Five Directors appointed by the Governor of the  
22       State of Illinois with the advice and consent of the Senate.  
23       Each Director appointed under this subsection shall reside in  
24       the metropolitan region. Directors appointed under this  
25       subsection shall include:

26       (1) one Director with an initial term of 5 years who

1 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit  
2 Authority;

3 (2) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who  
4 shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

5 (3) one Director appointed by the Governor, with the  
6 advice and consent of the Senate, with an initial term of 5  
7 years who shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail  
8 Board;

9 (4) one Director with an initial term of 5 years; and

10 (5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years.

11 (b) Five Directors appointed by the President of the Cook  
12 County Board of Commissioners, with the advice and consent of  
13 the Cook County Board of Commissioners, including:

14 (1) one Director representing those communities in  
15 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and  
16 north of Devon Avenue who shall reside in the area the  
17 Director represents, serve an initial term of 3 years, and  
18 serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

19 (2) one Director representing those communities in  
20 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south  
21 of Devon Avenue, and north of Interstate 55, and in  
22 addition the Village of Summit who shall reside in the  
23 area the Director represents, serve an initial term of 5  
24 years, and serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

25 (3) one Director representing those communities in  
26 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago, south

1 of Interstate 55, and west of the Interstate 57, excluding  
2 the communities of Summit, Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins,  
3 Midlothian, Oak Forest, and Tinley Park who shall reside  
4 in the area the Director represents, serve an initial term  
5 of 3 years, and serve as a director of the Commuter Rail  
6 Board;

7 (4) one Director representing those communities in  
8 Cook County that are outside of the City of Chicago and  
9 east of Interstate 57, and, in addition, the communities  
10 of Dixmoor, Posen, Robbins, Midlothian, Oak Forest, and  
11 Tinley Park who shall reside in the area the Director  
12 represents, serve an initial term of 5 years, and serve as  
13 a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

14 (5) one Director with an initial term of 3 years who  
15 shall serve as a member of the Board of the Chicago Transit  
16 Authority.

17 (b-5) Five Directors appointed by the chairs of the county  
18 boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry, DuPage, and Will counties. Each  
19 chair shall appoint one Director for the chair's county, with  
20 the advice and consent of the chair's county board. Each  
21 Director shall reside in the county from which the Director is  
22 appointed. Directors appointed under this subsection shall  
23 include:

24 (1) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
25 DuPage County Board with an initial term of 5 years who  
26 shall serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

1           (2) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane  
2           County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall  
3           serve as a director of the Suburban Bus Board;

4           (3) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the Lake  
5           County Board with an initial term of 3 years who shall  
6           serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board;

7           (4) one Director appointed by the Chairman of the  
8           McHenry County Board with an initial term of 5 years who  
9           shall serve as a director of the Commuter Rail Board; and

10           (5) one Director appointed by the County Executive of  
11           Will County Board who shall reside in Will County, serve  
12           an initial term of 3 years, and serve as a director of the  
13           Suburban Bus Board.

14           (b-7) Initial appointments of members under subsection (a)  
15           must be made in time for the members to begin their terms on  
16           September 1, 2026.

17           (b-10) On September 1, 2026, the terms of all directors  
18           serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the  
19           104th General Assembly and of any directors appointed to fill  
20           a vacancy shall immediately expire. If a vacancy on the Board  
21           occurs before September 1, 2026, then the vacancy shall be  
22           filled under Section 3.03. Directors serving on the effective  
23           date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly may  
24           be reappointed.

25           (b-15) Directors have been appointed when appointments are  
26           filed with and accepted by the Secretary of State in

1 accordance with subsection (g). The initial Directors  
2 appointed after the effective date of this amendatory Act of  
3 the 104th General Assembly shall serve terms of office  
4 beginning on September 1, 2026. All appointments requiring  
5 advice and consent of the Senate shall comply with the  
6 appointment provisions of Section 9 of Article V of the  
7 Illinois Constitution, including the requirement that the  
8 Senate be given 60 session days after receipt of a nomination  
9 to confirm the appointment.

10 (b-20) On the first meeting of the Board of Directors  
11 after September 1, 2026, the Board of Directors shall, by  
12 majority vote, elect a Director to serve as Chair of the Board.  
13 All subsequent Chairs of the Board shall be elected by a  
14 majority vote by the Directors of the Board from among the  
15 Directors.

16 (b-25) The subsequent terms of each Director appointed  
17 after September 1, 2026 shall be 5 years.

18 (c) (Blank).

19 (d) (Blank).

20 (e) (Blank).

21 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act, no Director  
22 shall, while serving as such, be an officer, member of the  
23 Board of Directors or Trustees, an employee of any Service  
24 Board or Transportation Agency, or an employee of the State,  
25 any department or agency of the State, or any municipality,  
26 county, or other unit of local government or receive any

1 compensation from any elected or appointed office under the  
2 Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a Director may  
3 be a member of a school board, a member of the National Guard,  
4 or, if the Director is also a member of the Suburban Bus Board,  
5 an elected officer of a municipality.

6 (g) Each appointment made under this Section and under  
7 Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority  
8 and filed with the Secretary of State and the Secretary of the  
9 Board. The Secretary of the Board shall maintain the  
10 certifications as part of the official records of the  
11 Authority.

12 (h) (Blank).

13 (i) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant  
14 experience and expertise for overseeing the planning,  
15 operation, and funding of a regional transportation system,  
16 including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and  
17 regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor  
18 and workforce development, business management, public  
19 administration, transportation, and community organizations.

20 (j) Those responsible for appointing Directors shall  
21 strive to assemble a set of Directors that, to the greatest  
22 extent possible, reflects the ethnic, cultural, economic,  
23 racial, and geographic diversity of the metropolitan region.

24 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14.5 rep.)

25 Section 60. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is

1 amended by repealing Section 3B.14.5.

2 Article 99.

3 Section 99-95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act  
4 makes changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by  
5 text that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a  
6 Section represented by multiple versions), the use of that  
7 text does not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the  
8 changes made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any  
9 other Public Act.

10 Section 99-99. Effective date. This Act takes effect June  
11 1, 2026."