

SB2941



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Introduced 1/27/2026, by Sen. Adriane Johnson

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3615/4.03.3

Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. In provisions concerning taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties and paid directly to the counties, provides that the county board of each county shall use those amounts to fund operating and capital costs of, among other things, facilities of county law enforcement. Provides that the funds shall be divided equally among all entities. Deletes provisions requiring that the funding the counties receive under the provisions shall not be used as the basis for reducing any funds that the counties would otherwise have received from the State, the Regional Transit Authority, the Commuter Rail Division, the Suburban Bus Division, or the Chicago Transit Authority. Makes other changes.

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A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
5 amended by changing Section 4.03.3 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3615/4.03.3)

7 (Text of Section before amendment by P.A. 104-457)

8 Sec. 4.03.3. Distribution of Revenues. This Section
9 applies only after the Department begins administering and
10 enforcing an increased tax under Section 4.03(m) as authorized
11 by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. After
12 providing for payment of its obligations with respect to bonds
13 and notes issued under the provisions of Section 4.04 and
14 obligations related to those bonds and notes and separately
15 accounting for the tax on aviation fuel deposited into the
16 Local Government Aviation Trust Fund, the Authority shall
17 disburse the remaining proceeds from taxes it has received
18 from the Department of Revenue under this Article IV and the
19 remaining proceeds it has received from the State under
20 Section 4.09(a) as follows:

21 (a) With respect to taxes imposed by the Authority under
22 Section 4.03, after withholding 15% of 80% of the receipts
23 from those taxes collected in Cook County at a rate of 1.25%,

1 15% of 75% of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook
2 County at the rate of 1%, 15% of one-half of the receipts from
3 those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will
4 Counties, and 15% of money received by the Authority from the
5 Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax
6 Replacement Fund or from the Regional Transportation Authority
7 tax fund created in Section 4.03(n), the Board shall allocate
8 the proceeds and money remaining to the Service Boards as
9 follows:

10 (1) an amount equal to (i) 85% of 80% of the receipts
11 from those taxes collected within the City of Chicago at a
12 rate of 1.25%, (ii) 85% of 75% of the receipts from those
13 taxes collected in the City of Chicago at the rate of 1%,
14 and (iii) 85% of the money received by the Authority on
15 account of transfers to the Regional Transportation
16 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund or to
17 the Regional Transportation Authority tax fund created in
18 Section 4.03(n) from the County and Mass Transit District
19 Fund attributable to retail sales within the City of
20 Chicago shall be allocated to the Chicago Transit
21 Authority;

22 (2) an amount equal to (i) 85% of 80% of the receipts
23 from those taxes collected within Cook County outside of
24 the City of Chicago at a rate of 1.25%, (ii) 85% of 75% of
25 the receipts from those taxes collected within Cook County
26 outside the City of Chicago at a rate of 1%, and (iii) 85%

1 of the money received by the Authority on account of
2 transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority
3 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund or to the Regional
4 Transportation Authority tax fund created in Section
5 4.03(n) from the County and Mass Transit District Fund
6 attributable to retail sales within Cook County outside of
7 the City of Chicago shall be allocated 30% to the Chicago
8 Transit Authority, 55% to the Commuter Rail Board, and 15%
9 to the Suburban Bus Board; and

10 (3) an amount equal to 85% of one-half of the receipts
11 from the taxes collected within the Counties of DuPage,
12 Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will shall be allocated 70% to
13 the Commuter Rail Board and 30% to the Suburban Bus Board.

14 (b) Moneys received by the Authority on account of
15 transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation
16 and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax
17 Reform Fund shall be allocated among the Authority and the
18 Service Boards as follows: 15% of such moneys shall be
19 retained by the Authority and the remaining 85% shall be
20 transferred to the Service Boards as soon as may be
21 practicable after the Authority receives payment. Moneys which
22 are distributable to the Service Boards pursuant to the
23 preceding sentence shall be allocated among the Service Boards
24 on the basis of each Service Board's distribution ratio. The
25 term "distribution ratio" means, for purposes of this
26 subsection (b), the ratio of the total amount distributed to a

1 Service Board pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 4.03.3 for
2 the immediately preceding calendar year to the total amount
3 distributed to all of the Service Boards pursuant to
4 subsection (a) of Section 4.03.3 for the immediately preceding
5 calendar year.

6 (c) (i) 20% of the receipts from those taxes collected in
7 Cook County under Section 4.03 at the rate of 1.25%, (ii) 25%
8 of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook County
9 under Section 4.03 at the rate of 1%, (iii) 50% of the receipts
10 from those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and
11 Will Counties under Section 4.03, and (iv) amounts received
12 from the State under Section 4.09 (a) (2) and items (i), (ii),
13 and (iii) of Section 4.09 (a) (3) shall be allocated as
14 follows: the amount required to be deposited into the ADA
15 Paratransit Fund described in Section 2.01d, the amount
16 required to be deposited into the Suburban Community Mobility
17 Fund described in Section 2.01e, and the amount required to be
18 deposited into the Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement
19 Fund described in Section 2.01c, and the balance shall be
20 allocated 48% to the Chicago Transit Authority, 39% to the
21 Commuter Rail Board, and 13% to the Suburban Bus Board.

22 (d) Amounts received from the State under Section 4.09
23 (a) (3) (iv) shall be distributed 100% to the Chicago Transit
24 Authority.

25 (e) With respect to those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane,
26 Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties and paid directly to the

1 counties under Section 4.03, the county board ~~County Board~~ of
2 each county shall use those amounts to fund operating and
3 capital costs of public safety operations, facilities of
4 county law enforcement, and public transportation services and
5 ~~or~~ facilities and ~~or~~ to fund operating, capital, right-of-way,
6 construction, and maintenance costs of other transportation
7 purposes, including road, bridge, public safety, and transit
8 purposes intended to improve mobility or reduce congestion in
9 the county. The funds shall be divided equally among all
10 entities. ~~The receipt of funding by such counties pursuant to~~
11 ~~this paragraph shall not be used as the basis for reducing any~~
12 ~~funds that such counties would otherwise have received from~~
13 ~~the State of Illinois, any agency or instrumentality thereof,~~
14 ~~the Authority, or the Service Boards.~~

15 (f) The Authority by ordinance adopted by 12 of its then
16 Directors shall apportion to the Service Boards funds provided
17 by the State of Illinois under Section 4.09(a)(1) as it shall
18 determine and shall make payment of the amounts to each
19 Service Board as soon as may be practicable upon their receipt
20 provided the Authority has adopted a balanced budget as
21 required by Section 4.01 and further provided the Service
22 Board is in compliance with the requirements in Section 4.11.

23 (g) Beginning January 1, 2009, before making any payments,
24 transfers, or expenditures under this Section to a Service
25 Board, the Authority must first comply with Section 4.02a or
26 4.02b of this Act, whichever may be applicable.

1 (h) Moneys may be appropriated from the Public
2 Transportation Fund to the Office of the Executive Inspector
3 General for the costs incurred by the Executive Inspector
4 General while serving as the inspector general for the
5 Authority and each of the Service Boards. Beginning December
6 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, the Office of the
7 Executive Inspector General shall annually report to the
8 General Assembly the expenses incurred while serving as the
9 inspector general for the Authority and each of the Service
10 Boards.

11 (Source: P.A. 101-604, eff. 12-13-19.)

12 (Text of Section after amendment by P.A. 104-457)

13 Sec. 4.03.3. Distribution of Revenues.

14 (a) (Blank).

15 (b) (Blank).

16 (c) (Blank).

17 (d) (Blank).

18 (d-5) For fiscal years 2027, 2028, and 2029, the
19 Authority, after making deductions to cover the Authority's
20 expenses, including Administrative Operating Expenses,
21 Regional Services Operating Expense, Program and Project
22 Expenses, Joint Self-Insurance Fund, and debt service
23 obligations, and the cost of ADA paratransit service shall
24 allocate operating revenue from all sources as follows:

25 (1) An amount to each Service Board equal to the

1 amount of the total public funding and the federal relief
2 funding the Service Board received in Fiscal Year 2025
3 under the Regional Budget adopted by the Authority in
4 December 2024.

5 (2) Any amount remaining after the distribution under
6 paragraph (1) shall be allocated to the Service Boards in
7 proportion to the sum of each Service Board's percentage
8 of:

9 (A) vehicle revenue miles;

10 (B) passenger miles traveled;

11 (C) unlinked passenger trips; and

12 (D) vehicle revenue hours.

13 (d-10) The Board of the Authority may, by ordinance,
14 adjust the amounts allocated to each of the Service Boards
15 under paragraph (2) of subsection (d-5) if it finds that the
16 allocation of funds under paragraphs (1) and (2) of subsection
17 (d-5) has a disproportionately adverse impact on the service
18 levels of any Service Board and shall make appropriate
19 adjustments to address the disproportionate adverse impact.

20 (d-15) For fiscal years 2030, 2031, and 2032, the
21 Authority, after making deductions to cover the Authority's
22 expenses, including Administrative Operating Expenses,
23 Regional Services Operating Expense, Program and Project
24 Expenses, Joint Self-Insurance Fund, and debt service
25 obligations and the cost of ADA paratransit service, shall
26 allocate operating revenue from all sources to each Service

1 Board in an amount equal to the amount of the total public
2 funding and federal relief funding the Service Board received
3 in Fiscal Year 2025 under the Annual Budget and 2-Year
4 Financial Plan adopted by the Authority in December 2024. Any
5 amount remaining after the distribution under subsection
6 (d-10) shall be allocated to the Service Boards by the
7 Authority under the service standards.

8 (d-20) For Fiscal Year 2033 and each fiscal year
9 thereafter, the Authority, after making deductions to cover
10 the Authority's expenses, shall allocate operating revenue
11 from all sources to the Service Boards under the service
12 standards.

13 (d-25) The allocation of funds for any fiscal year shall
14 be sufficient to satisfy the debt service obligations of the
15 Service Boards entered into in compliance with the
16 requirements of this Act.

17 (e) With respect to those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane,
18 Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties and paid directly to the
19 counties under Section 4.03, the county board ~~County Board~~ of
20 each county shall use those amounts to fund operating and
21 capital costs of public safety operations, facilities of
22 county law enforcement, and public transportation services and
23 ~~or~~ facilities and ~~or~~ to fund operating, capital, right-of-way,
24 construction, and maintenance costs of other transportation
25 purposes, including road, bridge, public safety, and transit
26 purposes intended to improve mobility or reduce congestion in

1 the county. The funds shall be divided equally among all
2 entities. ~~The receipt of funding by such counties pursuant to~~
3 ~~this paragraph shall not be used as the basis for reducing any~~
4 ~~funds that such counties would otherwise have received from~~
5 ~~the State of Illinois, any agency or instrumentality thereof,~~
6 ~~the Authority, or the Service Boards.~~

7 (f) The Authority by ordinance approved by a supermajority
8 vote shall apportion to the Service Boards funds provided by
9 the State of Illinois under Section 4.09(a)(1) as it shall
10 determine and shall make payment of the amounts to each
11 Service Board as soon as may be practicable upon their receipt
12 provided the Authority has adopted a balanced budget as
13 required by Section 4.01 and further provided the Service
14 Board is in compliance with the requirements in Section 4.11.

15 (g) Beginning January 1, 2009, before making any payments,
16 transfers, or expenditures under this Section to a Service
17 Board, the Authority must first comply with Section 4.02a or
18 4.02b of this Act, whichever may be applicable.

19 (h) Moneys may be appropriated from the Public
20 Transportation Fund to the Office of the Executive Inspector
21 General for the costs incurred by the Executive Inspector
22 General while serving as the inspector general for the
23 Authority and each of the Service Boards. Beginning December
24 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, the Office of the
25 Executive Inspector General shall annually report to the
26 General Assembly the expenses incurred while serving as the

1 inspector general for the Authority and each of the Service
2 Boards.

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

4 Section 95. No acceleration or delay. Where this Act makes
5 changes in a statute that is represented in this Act by text
6 that is not yet or no longer in effect (for example, a Section
7 represented by multiple versions), the use of that text does
8 not accelerate or delay the taking effect of (i) the changes
9 made by this Act or (ii) provisions derived from any other
10 Public Act.