



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

SB4070

Introduced 2/24/2026, by Sen. Willie Preston

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3605/27b new

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that the Chicago Transit Authority shall establish the CTA Transit Police Department composed solely of sworn law-enforcement officers. Provides that all security functions shall be performed exclusively by officers of the CTA Transit Police Department. Provides that the CTA Transit Police Department shall deploy 3-officer safety teams moving continuously through trains, stations, and buses, with priority given to high-crime locations. Provides that the Authority shall implement a pilot program deploying AI-based weapon-detection scanners in at least 5 and not more than 10 high-crime stations and major bus hubs. Provides that the Authority shall implement a limited facial recognition pilot program restricted to identifying individuals (i) with active violent-felony warrants or (ii) who the Authority has prohibited from accessing services provided by the Authority. Effective immediately.

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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 1. Findings and purpose.

5 (a) The General Assembly finds and declares that:

6 (1) The Chicago Transit Authority is the
7 second-largest public transit agency in the United States
8 and operates a 24-hour rail and bus system serving
9 hundreds of thousands of riders daily.

10 (2) The Chicago Transit Authority currently uses
11 AI-assisted gun-detecting camera software that is
12 primarily reactive and insufficient as a standalone
13 prevention measure.

14 (b) The purpose of this Act is to reduce violence on
15 Chicago Transit Authority trains and buses, restore public
16 confidence in transit safety, and establish a layered security
17 approach through a dedicated CTA Transit Police Department and
18 modern safety technologies.

19 Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
20 amended by adding Section 27b as follows:

21 (70 ILCS 3605/27b new)

22 Sec. 27b. CTA transit police department.

1 (a) The Authority shall establish the CTA Transit Police
2 Department composed solely of sworn law-enforcement officers.
3 All security functions shall be performed exclusively by
4 officers of the CTA Transit Police Department. The CTA Transit
5 Police Department shall deploy 3-officer safety teams moving
6 continuously through trains, stations, and buses, with
7 priority given to high-crime locations.

8 (b) The Authority shall implement a pilot program
9 deploying AI-based weapon-detection scanners in at least 5 and
10 not more than 10 high-crime stations and major bus hubs.

11 (c) The Authority shall implement a limited facial
12 recognition pilot program restricted to identifying
13 individuals (i) with active violent-felony warrants or (ii)
14 who the Authority has prohibited from accessing services
15 provided by the Authority.

16 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
17 becoming law.