**Section 653.10 Program Overview**

a) Articles I and II of the Downstate Public Transportation Act [30 ILCS 740/Arts. I and II] (Act), establish a continuing program of State operating assistance for public transportation services outside the areas served by the Regional Transportation Authority (Cook, DuPage, Will, McHenry, Lake and Kane Counties). (See Section 2-2.04 of the Act.)

b) The funds for this program are appropriated annually by the Illinois General Assembly. Operating assistance grants are made by the Illinois Department of Transportation (Department) on an annual basis. Operating assistance funds may be used only for the purposes, and subject to the conditions, set forth in the Act and this Part.

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