



102ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2021 and 2022

HB0664

Introduced 2/8/2021, by Rep. Marcus C. Evans, Jr.

SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3605/51

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that on and after January 1, 2022, any fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Chicago Transit Board shall be provided without charge to high school students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals and free milk under specified federal programs on days when school is in session. Provides that Chicago School District shall reimburse the Chicago Transit Board for the regular fare for each free fare provided to a student and the State shall, subject to appropriation, reimburse the Chicago School District any moneys the District paid to the Board. Effective immediately.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT
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HOUSING
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IMPACT NOTE ACT
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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 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
5 amended by changing Section 51 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

7 Sec. 51. Free and reduced services; eligibility.

8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
9 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
10 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
11 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
12 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
13 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to all senior
14 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined
15 in 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions
16 as shall be prescribed by the Board.

17 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or
21 purchase of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided
22 without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet
23 the income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection

1 (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with
2 Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as
3 shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department on Aging
4 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
5 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
6 who are eligible for services without charge under this
7 Section. Nothing in this Section shall relieve the Board from
8 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

9 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
10 January 1, 2022, any fixed route public transportation
11 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
12 contracts of, the Board shall be provided without charge to
13 high school students that are eligible for free or reduced
14 price meals and free milk under the federal National School
15 Lunch Program or the Commodity School Program on days when
16 school is in session. The Chicago School District shall
17 reimburse the Board for the regular fare for each free fare
18 provided to a student under this subsection. The State shall,
19 subject to appropriation, reimburse the Chicago School
20 District any moneys the District paid to the Board under this
21 subsection.

22 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

23 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
24 becoming law.