104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Creates the Road Usage Charge Act. Establishes the Road Usage Charge Advisory Committee to guide the development and evaluation of the road usage charge pilot program and to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue as an alternative to the current system of taxing highway use through motor fuel taxes. Sets forth the membership and duties of the committee. Requires the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Secretary of State and based on the recommendations of the Committee, to implement a statewide pilot program by January 1, 2026 to assess a user fee on owners of motor vehicles that is based on the number of miles traveled on public roadways in this State by those vehicles. Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that, on and after February 1, 2026, the Chicago Transit Board shall have 8 members (currently 7 members). Makes changes to the number of affirmative votes by Directors required to issue bonds. Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that the Annual Budget and 2-Year Financial Plan must show that the aggregate of all projected fare revenues from fares and charges for mass transportation provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Service Boards received in fiscal years 2026 and 2027 shall equal at least 25%, and in fiscal years 2028 and 2029 and every year thereafter at least 15%, of the aggregate cost of providing such public transportation in those fiscal years. Provides that, beginning July 1, 2026, the Regional Transportation Authority shall be the sole agency responsible for the management and oversight of the fare collection systems used on all public transportation provided by the Service Boards. Makes changes to the membership of the Suburban Bus Board and the Commuter Rail Board. Makes changes to the number of affirmative votes required by the Directors of the Authority to approve decisions regarding the strategic plan, coordination of fares and service, appointment of officers and employees, paratransit services, powers of the Commuter Rail Board, labor, budget, taxes, distribution of revenues, issuing and pledging bonds and notes, budget review powers, the annual capital improvement plan, and rate protection contracts. Makes other changes. Effective January 1, 2026.

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AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
Illinois Road Usage Charge Act.

6 Section 5. Findings.

7 The General Assembly finds and declares that an (a) 8 efficient and safe transportation system is critical for 9 Illinois' economy and quality of life. The revenue currently available for highways and local roads is not adequate to 10 11 preserve and maintain existing infrastructure and to provide 12 funds for improvements that would incorporate safety factors, 13 eliminate travel related injuries and fatalities, reduce 14 congestion, and improve service.

(b) The General Assembly further recognizes that the gas tax is an ineffective mechanism for meeting Illinois' long-term revenue needs because it will steadily generate less revenue as cars become more fuel efficient and alternative sources of fuel are identified.

20 (c) The General Assembly further recognizes that other 21 states have begun to explore the potential for a road usage 22 charge to replace traditional motor fuel taxes, including the 23 State of Oregon, which established the first permanent road user charge program in the nation. Road usage charging is a policy whereby motorists pay for the use of the roadway network based on the distance they travel. Drivers pay the same rate per mile driven, regardless of what part of the roadway network they use.

6 (d) The General Assembly, therefore, finds that experience 7 to date in other states across the nation demonstrates that 8 mileage-based charges can be implemented in a way that ensures 9 data security and maximum privacy protection for drivers. It 10 is important that Illinois begins to explore alternative 11 revenue sources that may be implemented in lieu of the 12 antiquated motor fuel tax structure now in place.

13 Section 10. Definitions.

14 "Committee" means the Road Usage Charge Advisory 15 Committee.

16 "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

17 "Pilot Program" means the Road Usage Charge Pilot Program.

18 Section 15. Road Usage Charge Advisory Committee.

19 (a) The Road Usage Charge Advisory Committee is 20 established to guide the development and evaluation of the 21 road usage charge pilot program to assess the potential for mileage-based revenue as an alternative to the current system 22 23 of taxing highway use through motor fuel taxes.

24 (b) The Committee shall consist of 10 members as follows:

- (1) the Secretary of Transportation or the Secretary's
 designee;
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(2) the Executive Director of the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning or the Executive Director's designee;

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(3) one member appointed by the Senate President;

6 (4) one member appointed by the Speaker of the House 7 of Representatives;

8 (5) one member appointed by the chair of the standing 9 committee of the Senate having primary jurisdiction over 10 transportation;

(6) one member appointed by the standing committee of the House of Representatives having primary jurisdiction over transportation; and

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(7) four members appointed by the Governor.

15 (c) The Committee shall:

16 (1) conduct at least 3 public hearings to gather 17 public comment on issues and concerns related to the pilot 18 program;

19 (2)make recommendations to the Department to 20 establish the rules necessary for implementation of the 21 pilot program, including a process for selecting 22 volunteers, mileage reporting requirements, and privacy 23 standards;

(3) make recommendations to the Department on the
criteria to be used to evaluate the pilot program; and
(4) evaluate the pilot program.

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(d) On request, the Department shall assist the Committee
 in implementing this Section.

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Section 20. Pilot program.

4 (a) The Department, in consultation with the Secretary of
5 State and based on the recommendations of the Committee, shall
6 develop and implement a statewide pilot program by January 1,
7 2026 to assess a user fee on owners of motor vehicles that is
8 based on the number of miles traveled on public roadways in
9 this State by those vehicles.

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(b) The pilot program must:

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(1) include at least 1,000 motor vehicles;

(2) analyze alternative means of collecting road usage
data, including at least one alternative that does not
rely on electronic vehicle location data;

(3) test the reliability, ease of use, cost, and
 public acceptance of technology and methods for:

17 (A) counting the number of miles traveled by motor18 vehicles;

(B) reporting the number of miles traveled byparticular vehicles; and

(C) collecting payments from participants in thepilot program;

23 (4) analyze and evaluate the ability of different24 technologies and methods to:

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(A) protect the integrity of data collected and

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1 reported; 2 (B) ensure operators' privacy; and 3 (C) vary pricing based on the time of driving and type of public highway; 4 5 (5) evaluate the enforceability of the road usage 6 charge and opportunities for operators to evade or 7 manipulate the fee; 8 (6) evaluate the impact of the road usage charge on 9 equity; and 10 (7) provide special consideration for privacy, 11 including: 12 collecting a minimum amount of (A) personal 13 information, including location tracking information, 14 necessary to implement the pilot program; and 15 (B) ensuring that processes for collecting, 16 managing, storing, transmitting, and destroying data 17 are in place to protect the integrity of the data and safeguard the privacy of drivers. 18 19 (c) The Department shall ensure that participants in the 20 pilot program: (1) are included only on a voluntary basis; and 21 22 (2) represent a variety of motor vehicle operators, 23 including operators of passenger vehicles, commercial motor vehicles, and electric vehicles. 24

25 (d) The pilot program may not last less than one year.

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Section 25. Compensation of participants. The Department shall establish, by rule, a process to ensure that participants in the pilot program are not required to spend more on fees or taxes associated with road usage than if they had not participated in the program. A process adopted under this Section may include a refund of motor fuel taxes paid by the participant or other compensation.

8 Section 30. Report. Not later than 18 months after the 9 implementation of the pilot program, the Department, working 10 in conjunction with the Committee, shall submit to the General 11 Assembly a report summarizing the results of the pilot 12 program, including:

13 (1) the feasibility of permanently assessing a vehicle
14 mileage user fee;

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(2) the cost of the program;

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(3) privacy concerns and perceptions;

17 (4) data collection technology, including a discussion 18 of the advantages and disadvantages of various types of 19 data collection equipment and the privacy implications and 20 consideration of the equipment;

(5) security and compliance, including a discussion of
 processes and security measures necessary to minimize
 fraud and tax evasion rates; and

24 (6) the Department's recommendations together with
 25 suggested legislation necessary to implement the

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1 recommendations.

2 Section 35. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is 3 amended by changing Sections 12a, 12b, 12c, 19, 20, 22, 23, 4 28a, and 34 as follows:

5 (70 ILCS 3605/12a) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 312a)

6 Sec. 12a. (a) In addition to other powers provided in 7 Section 12b, the Authority may issue its notes from time to 8 time, in anticipation of tax receipts of the Regional 9 Transportation Authority allocated to the Authority or of 10 other revenues or receipts of the Authority, in order to 11 provide money for the Authority to cover any cash flow deficit which the Authority anticipates incurring. Provided, however, 12 13 that no such notes may be issued unless the annual cost thereof 14 is incorporated in a budget or revised budget of the Authority 15 which has been approved by the Regional Transportation Authority. Any such notes are referred to as "Working Cash 16 Notes". Provided further that, the board shall not issue and 17 have outstanding or demand and direct that the Board of the 18 Regional Transportation Authority issue and have outstanding 19 20 more than an aggregate of \$40,000,000 in Working Cash Notes. 21 No Working Cash Notes shall be issued for a term of longer than 18 months. Proceeds of Working Cash Notes may be used to pay 22 23 day to day operating expenses of the Authority, consisting of 24 wages, salaries and fringe benefits, professional and

technical services (including legal, audit, engineering and 1 2 other consulting services), office rental, furniture, fixtures and equipment, insurance premiums, claims for self-insured 3 amounts under insurance policies, public utility obligations 4 5 for telephone, light, heat and similar items, travel expenses, office supplies, postage, dues, subscriptions, public hearings 6 7 and information expenses, fuel purchases, and payments of 8 grants and payments under purchase of service agreements for 9 operations of transportation agencies, prior to the receipt by 10 the Authority from time to time of funds for paying such 11 expenses. Proceeds of the Working Cash Notes shall not be used 12 (i) to increase or provide a debt service reserve fund for any bonds or notes other than Working Cash Notes of the same 13 14 Series, or (ii) to pay principal of or interest or redemption 15 premium on any capital bonds or notes, whether as such amounts 16 become due or by earlier redemption, issued by the Authority 17 or a transportation agency to construct or acquire public transportation facilities, or to provide funds to purchase 18 19 such capital bonds or notes.

(b) The ordinance providing for the issuance of any such notes shall fix the date or dates of maturity, the dates on which interest is payable, any sinking fund account or reserve fund account provisions and all other details of such notes and may provide for such covenants or agreements necessary or desirable with regard to the issue, sale and security of such notes. The Authority shall determine and fix the rate or rates

of interest of its notes issued under this Act in an ordinance 1 2 adopted by the Board prior to the issuance thereof, none of which rates of interest shall exceed that permitted in the 3 Bond Authorization Act. Interest may be payable annually or 4 5 semi-annually, or at such other times as determined by the Board. Notes issued under this Section may be issued as serial 6 term obligations, shall be of such denomination or 7 or 8 denominations and form, including interest coupons to be 9 attached thereto, be executed in such manner, shall be payable 10 at such place or places and bear such date as the Board shall 11 fix by the ordinance authorizing such note and shall mature at 12 such time or times, within a period not to exceed 18 months from the date of issue, and may be redeemable prior to maturity 13 14 with or without premium, at the option of the Board, upon such 15 terms and conditions as the Board shall fix by the ordinance 16 authorizing the issuance of such notes. The Board may provide 17 for the registration of notes in the name of the owner as to the principal alone or as to both principal and interest, upon 18 such terms and conditions as the Board may determine. The 19 20 ordinance authorizing notes may provide for the exchange of 21 such notes which are fully registered, as to both principal 22 and interest, with notes which are registerable as to 23 principal only. All notes issued under this Section by the Board shall be sold at a price which may be at a premium or 24 25 discount but such that the interest cost (excluding any 26 redemption premium) to the Board of the proceeds of an issue of

such notes, computed to stated maturity according to standard 1 2 tables of bond values, shall not exceed that permitted in the Bond Authorization Act. Such notes shall be sold at such time 3 or times as the Board shall determine. The notes may be sold 4 5 either upon competitive bidding or by negotiated sale (without any requirement of publication of intention to negotiate the 6 7 sale of such notes), as the Board shall determine by ordinance 8 adopted with the affirmative votes of at least 4 Directors, 9 prior to February 1, 2026, and with the affirmative votes of at 10 least 5 Directors, beginning February 1 2026. In case any 11 officer whose signature appears on any notes or coupons 12 authorized pursuant to this Section shall cease to be such officer before delivery of such notes, such signature shall 13 nevertheless be valid and sufficient for all purposes, the 14 same as if such officer had remained in office until such 15 16 delivery. Neither the Directors of the Regional Transportation 17 Authority, the Directors of the Authority nor any person any bonds or notes thereof shall be 18 executing liable 19 personally on any such bonds or notes or coupons by reason of 20 the issuance thereof.

(c) All notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this 21 22 Section shall be general obligations of the Authority to which 23 shall be pledged the full faith and credit of the Authority, as provided in this Section. Such notes shall be secured as 24 25 provided in authorizing ordinance, which the may, 26 notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, include in

any other security, a specific pledge 1 addition to or 2 assignment of and lien on or security interest in any or all 3 receipts of the Regional Transportation Authority tax allocated to the Authority and on any or all other revenues or 4 5 moneys of the Authority from whatever source which may by law be utilized for debt service purposes and a specific pledge or 6 assignment of and lien on or security interest in any funds or 7 accounts established or provided for by the ordinance of the 8 9 Board authorizing the issuance of such notes. Any such pledge, 10 assignment, lien or security interest for the benefit of 11 holders of notes of the Authority shall be valid and binding 12 from the time the notes are issued without any physical delivery or further act, and shall be valid and binding as 13 14 against and prior to the claims of all other parties having 15 claims of any kind against the Authority or any other person 16 irrespective of whether such other parties have notice of such 17 pledge, assignment, lien or security interest. The obligations of the Authority incurred pursuant to this Section shall be 18 superior to and have priority over any other obligations of 19 20 the Authority except for obligations under Section 12. The Board may provide in the ordinance authorizing the issuance of 21 22 any notes issued pursuant to this Section for the creation of, 23 deposits in, and regulation and disposition of sinking fund or reserve accounts relating to such notes. 24 The ordinance 25 authorizing the issuance of any notes pursuant to this Section

may contain provisions as part of the contract with the

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holders of the notes, for the creation of a separate fund to 1 provide for the payment of principal and interest on such 2 3 notes and for the deposit in such fund from any or all the tax receipts of the Regional Transportation Authority allocated to 4 5 the Authority and from any or all such other moneys or revenues of the Authority from whatever source which may by law be 6 7 utilized for debt service purposes, all as provided in such 8 ordinance, of amounts to meet the debt service requirements on 9 such notes, including principal and interest, and any sinking 10 fund or reserve fund account requirements as may be provided 11 by such ordinance, and all expenses incident to or in 12 connection with such fund and accounts or the payment of such notes. Such ordinance may also provide limitations on the 13 14 issuance of additional notes of the Authority. No such notes of the Authority shall constitute a debt of the State of 15 16 Illinois.

17 (d) The ordinance of the Board authorizing the issuance of any notes may provide additional security for such notes by 18 19 providing for appointment of a corporate trustee (which may be 20 any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust company within the State) with respect to such notes. The ordinance 21 22 shall prescribe the rights, duties and powers of the trustee 23 to be exercised for the benefit of the Authority and the protection of the holders of such notes. The ordinance may 24 provide for the trustee to hold in trust, invest and use 25 26 amounts in funds and accounts created as provided by the

ordinance with respect to the notes. The ordinance shall provide that amounts so paid to the trustee which are not required to be deposited, held or invested in funds and accounts created by the ordinance with respect to notes or used for paying notes to be paid by the trustee to the Authority.

7 (e) Any notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this 8 Section shall constitute a contract between the Authority and 9 the holders from time to time of such notes. In issuing any 10 note, the Board may include in the ordinance authorizing such 11 issue a covenant as part of the contract with the holders of 12 the notes, that as long as such obligations are outstanding, it shall make such deposits, as provided in paragraph (c) of 13 this Section. A certified copy of the ordinance authorizing 14 15 the issuance of any such obligations shall be filed at or prior 16 the issuance of such obligations with the Regional to 17 Transportation Authority, Comptroller of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Revenue. 18

19 (f) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the 20 holders of the notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter the rights and 21 22 powers vested in the Authority by this Act or in the Regional 23 Transportation Authority by the Regional Transportation 24 Authority Act so as to impair the terms of any contract made by 25 the Authority with such holders or in any way impair the rights 26 and remedies of such holders until such notes, together with

interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of 1 2 interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any 3 action or proceedings by or on behalf of such holders, are fully met and discharged. In addition, the State pledges to 4 5 and agrees with the holders of the notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit 6 7 or alter the basis on which State funds are to be paid to the 8 Authority as provided in the Regional Transportation Authority 9 Act, or the use of such funds, so as to impair the terms of any 10 such contract. The Board is authorized to include these 11 pledges and agreements of the State in any contract with the 12 holders of bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section.

13 (q) The Board shall not at any time issue, sell or deliver 14 any Interim Financing Notes pursuant to this Section which 15 will cause it to have issued and outstanding at any time in excess of \$40,000,000 of Working Cash Notes. Notes which are 16 17 being paid or retired by such issuance, sale or delivery of notes, and notes for which sufficient funds have been 18 19 deposited with the paying agency of such notes to provide for 20 payment of principal and interest thereon or to provide for 21 the redemption thereof, all pursuant to the ordinance 22 authorizing the issuance of such notes, shall not be 23 considered to be outstanding for the purposes of this 24 paragraph.

(h) The Board, subject to the terms of any agreements with
 noteholders as may then exist, shall have power, out of any

1 funds available therefor, to purchase notes of the Authority 2 which shall thereupon be cancelled.

3 (i) In addition to any other authority granted by law, the State Treasurer may, with the approval of the Governor, invest 4 5 or reinvest, at a price not to exceed par, any State money in Treasury which is not needed 6 the State for current 7 expenditures due or about to become due in Interim Financing Notes. In the event of a default on an interim financing note 8 9 issued by the Chicago Transit Authority in which State money 10 in the State treasury was invested, the Treasurer may, after 11 giving notice to the Authority, certify to the Comptroller the 12 amounts of the defaulted interim financing note, in accordance with any applicable rules of the Comptroller, 13 and the 14 Comptroller must deduct and remit to the State treasury the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts from the 15 16 following proportions of payments of State funds to the 17 Authority:

18 (1) in the first year after default, one-third of the
19 total amount of any payments of State funds to the
20 Authority;

(2) in the second year after default, two-thirds of
the total amount of any payments of State funds to the
Authority; and

(3) in the third year after default and for each year
 thereafter until the total invested amount is repaid, the
 total amount of any payments of State funds to the

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1 Authority.

2 (Source: P.A. 100-201, eff. 8-18-17; 101-485, eff. 8-23-19.)

3 (70 ILCS 3605/12b) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 312b)

4 Sec. 12b. Working Cash Borrowing. In addition to the 5 powers provided in Section 12a, the Board with the affirmative 6 vote of 5 of its Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and with the affirmative vote of at least 6 of its Directors, beginning 7 February 1, 2026, may demand and direct the Board of the 8 9 Regional Transportation Authority to issue Working Cash Notes 10 at such time and in such amounts and having such maturities as 11 the Authority deems proper, provided however any such 12 borrowing shall have been specifically identified in the 13 budget of the Authority as approved by the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority. Provided further, that the 14 15 Board may not issue and have outstanding or demand and direct 16 the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority to issue and have outstanding more than an aggregate of \$40,000,000 in 17 18 Working Cash Notes.

19 (Source: P.A. 83-885; 83-886.)

20 (70 ILCS 3605/12c)

21 Sec. 12c. Retiree Benefits Bonds and Notes.

(a) In addition to all other bonds or notes that it is
authorized to issue, the Authority is authorized to issue its
bonds or notes for the purposes of providing funds for the

Authority to make the deposits described in Section 12c(b)(1) 1 2 and (2), for refunding any bonds authorized to be issued under 3 this Section, as well as for the purposes of paying costs of issuance, obtaining bond insurance or other credit enhancement 4 5 or liquidity facilities, paying costs of obtaining related swaps as authorized in the Bond Authorization Act ("Swaps"), 6 7 providing a debt service reserve fund, paying Debt Service (as 8 defined in paragraph (i) of this Section 12c), and paying all 9 other costs related to any such bonds or notes.

10 (b) (1) After its receipt of a certified copy of a report of 11 the Auditor General of the State of Illinois meeting the 12 requirements of Section 3-2.3 of the Illinois State Auditing Act, the Authority may issue \$1,348,550,000 aggregate original 13 principal amount of bonds and notes. After payment of the 14 15 costs of issuance and necessary deposits to funds and accounts 16 established with respect to debt service, the net proceeds of 17 such bonds or notes shall be deposited only in the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority Employees and used only for 18 the purposes required by Section 22-101 of the Illinois 19 20 Pension Code. Provided that no less than \$1,110,500,000 has been deposited in the Retirement Plan, remaining proceeds of 21 22 bonds issued under this subparagraph (b) (1) may be used to pay 23 costs of issuance and make necessary deposits to funds and accounts with respect to debt service for bonds and notes 24 25 issued under this subparagraph or subparagraph (b) (2).

26 (2) After its receipt of a certified copy of a report of

the Auditor General of the State of Illinois meeting the 1 2 requirements of Section 3-2.3 of the Illinois State Auditing 3 Act, the Authority may issue \$639,680,000 aggregate original principal amount of bonds and notes. After payment of the 4 5 costs of issuance and necessary deposits to funds and accounts established with respect to debt service, the net proceeds of 6 7 such bonds or notes shall be deposited only in the Retiree 8 Health Care Trust and used only for the purposes required by 9 Section 22-101B of the Illinois Pension Code. Provided that no 10 less than \$528,800,000 has been deposited in the Retiree 11 Health Care Trust, remaining proceeds of bonds issued under 12 this subparagraph (b)(2) may be used to pay costs of issuance and make necessary deposits to funds and accounts with respect 13 to debt service for bonds and notes issued under this 14 15 subparagraph or subparagraph (b) (1).

16 (3) In addition, refunding bonds are authorized to be 17 issued for the purpose of refunding outstanding bonds or notes 18 issued under this Section 12c.

(4) The bonds or notes issued under 12c(b)(1) shall be issued as soon as practicable after the Auditor General issues the report provided in Section 3-2.3(b) of the Illinois State Auditing Act. The bonds or notes issued under 12c(b)(2) shall be issued as soon as practicable after the Auditor General issues the report provided in Section 3-2.3(c) of the Illinois State Auditing Act.

26 (5) With respect to bonds and notes issued under

subparagraph (b), scheduled aggregate annual payments of 1 2 interest or deposits into funds and accounts established for 3 the purpose of such payment shall commence within one year after the bonds and notes are issued. With respect to 4 5 principal and interest, scheduled aggregate annual payments of principal and interest or deposits into funds and accounts 6 7 established for the purpose of such payment shall be not less than 70% in 2009, 80% in 2010, and 90% in 2011, respectively, 8 9 of scheduled payments or deposits of principal and interest in 10 2012 and shall be substantially equal beginning in 2012 and 11 each year thereafter. For purposes of this subparagraph (b), 12 "substantially equal" means that debt service in any full year after calendar year 2011 is not more than 115% of debt service 13 in any other full year after calendar year 2011 during the term 14 15 of the bonds or notes. For the purposes of this subsection (b), 16 with respect to bonds and notes that bear interest at a 17 variable rate, interest shall be assumed at a rate equal to the rate for United States Treasury Securities - State and Local 18 19 Government Series for the same maturity, plus 75 basis points. 20 If the Authority enters into a Swap with a counterparty requiring the Authority to pay a fixed interest rate on a 21 22 notional amount, and the Authority has made a determination 23 that such Swap was entered into for the purpose of providing 24 substitute interest payments for variable interest rate bonds 25 or notes of a particular maturity or maturities in a principal 26 amount equal to the notional amount of the Swap, then during

the term of the Swap for purposes of any calculation of interest payable on such bonds or notes, the interest rate on the bonds or notes of such maturity or maturities shall be determined as if such bonds or notes bore interest at the fixed interest rate payable by the Authority under such Swap.

6 (6) No bond or note issued under this Section 12c shall 7 mature later than December 31, 2040.

8 (c) The Chicago Transit Board shall provide for the 9 issuance of bonds or notes as authorized in this Section 12c by 10 the adoption of an ordinance. The ordinance, together with the 11 bonds or notes, shall constitute a contract among the 12 Authority, the owners from time to time of the bonds or notes, 13 any bond trustee with respect to the bonds or notes, any 14 related credit enhancer and any provider of any related Swaps.

(d) The Authority is authorized to cause the proceeds of the bonds or notes, and any interest or investment earnings on the bonds or notes, and of any Swaps, to be invested until the proceeds and any interest or investment earnings have been deposited with the Retirement Plan or the Retiree Health Care Trust.

(e) Bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section 12c may be general obligations of the Authority, to which shall be pledged the full faith and credit of the Authority, or may be obligations payable solely from particular sources of funds all as may be provided in the authorizing ordinance. The authorizing ordinance for the bonds and notes, whether or not

general obligations of the Authority, may provide for the Debt 1 2 Service (as defined in paragraph (i) of this Section 12c) to have a claim for payment from particular sources of funds, 3 including, without limitation, amounts to be paid to the 4 5 Authority or a bond trustee. The authorizing ordinance may provide for the means by which the bonds or notes (and any 6 7 related Swaps) may be secured, which may include, a pledge of any revenues or funds of the Authority from whatever source 8 9 which may by law be utilized for paying Debt Service. In 10 addition to any other security, upon the written approval of 11 the Regional Transportation Authority by the affirmative vote 12 of 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and the 13 affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, the ordinance may provide a 14 15 specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security 16 interest in amounts to be paid to the Authority by the Regional 17 Transportation Authority and direct payment thereof to the bond trustee for payment of Debt Service with respect to the 18 bonds or notes, subject to the provisions of existing lease 19 the Authority with any public building 20 agreements of commission. The authorizing ordinance may also provide a 21 22 specific pledge or assignment of and lien on or security 23 interest in and direct payment to the trustee of all or a portion of the moneys otherwise payable to the Authority from 24 25 the City of Chicago pursuant to an intergovernmental agreement with the Authority to provide financial assistance to the 26

Authority. Any such pledge, assignment, lien or security 1 2 interest for the benefit of owners of bonds or notes shall be valid and binding from the time the bonds or notes are issued, 3 without any physical delivery or further act, and shall be 4 5 valid and binding as against and prior to the claims of all other parties having claims of any kind against the Authority 6 or any other person, irrespective of whether such other 7 8 parties have notice of such pledge, assignment, lien or 9 security interest, all as provided in the Local Government 10 Debt Reform Act, as it may be amended from time to time. The 11 bonds or notes of the Authority issued pursuant to this 12 Section 12c shall have such priority of payment and as to their claim for payment from particular sources of funds, including 13 14 their priority with respect to obligations of the Authority 15 issued under other Sections of this Act, all as shall be 16 provided in the ordinances authorizing the issuance of the 17 bonds or notes. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of any bonds or notes under this Section may provide for the creation 18 19 of, deposits in, and regulation and disposition of sinking 20 fund or reserve accounts relating to those bonds or notes and related agreements. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of 21 22 any such bonds or notes authorized under this Section 12c may 23 contain provisions for the creation of a separate fund to 24 provide for the payment of principal of and interest on those 25 bonds or notes and related agreements. The ordinance may also 26 provide limitations on the issuance of additional bonds or

1 notes of the Authority.

(f) Bonds or notes issued under this Section 12c shall not
constitute an indebtedness of the Regional Transportation
Authority, the State of Illinois, or of any other political
subdivision of or municipality within the State, except the
Authority.

7 (g) The ordinance of the Chicago Transit Board authorizing 8 the issuance of bonds or notes pursuant to this Section 12c may 9 provide for the appointment of a corporate trustee (which may 10 be any trust company or bank having the powers of a trust 11 company within Illinois) with respect to bonds or notes issued 12 pursuant to this Section 12c. The ordinance shall prescribe 13 the rights, duties, and powers of the trustee to be exercised 14 for the benefit of the Authority and the protection of the 15 owners of bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section 12c. 16 The ordinance may provide for the trustee to hold in trust, 17 invest and use amounts in funds and accounts created as provided by the ordinance with respect to the bonds or notes in 18 19 accordance with this Section 12c. The Authority may apply, as 20 it shall determine, any amounts received upon the sale of the 21 bonds or notes to pay any Debt Service on the bonds or notes. 22 The ordinance may provide for a trust indenture to set forth 23 terms of, sources of payment for and security for the bonds and 24 notes.

(h) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the
 owners of the bonds or notes issued pursuant to Section 12c

that the State of Illinois will not limit the powers vested in 1 2 the Authority by this Act to pledge and assign its revenues and 3 funds as security for the payment of the bonds or notes, or vested in the Regional Transportation Authority by the 4 5 Regional Transportation Authority Act or this Act, so as to materially impair the payment obligations of the Authority 6 7 under the terms of any contract made by the Authority with 8 those owners or to materially impair the rights and remedies 9 of those owners until those bonds or notes, together with 10 interest and any redemption premium, and all costs and 11 expenses in connection with any action or proceedings by or on 12 behalf of such owners are fully met and discharged. The 13 is authorized to include these Authority pledges and 14 agreements of the State of Illinois in any contract with 15 owners of bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section 12c.

16 (i) For purposes of this Section, "Debt Service" with 17 respect to bonds or notes includes, without limitation, maturity or upon mandatory redemption), 18 principal (at premium, interest, periodic, upfront, 19 redemption and 20 termination payments on Swaps, fees for bond insurance or 21 other credit enhancement, liquidity facilities, the funding of 22 bond or note reserves, bond trustee fees, and all other costs 23 of providing for the security or payment of the bonds or notes.

(j) The Authority shall adopt a procurement program with respect to contracts relating to the following service providers in connection with the issuance of debt for the

benefit of the Retirement Plan for Chicago Transit Authority 1 2 Employees: underwriters, bond counsel, financial advisors, and 3 accountants. The program shall include goals for the payment of not less than 30% of the total dollar value of the fees from 4 5 these contracts to minority-owned businesses and women-owned defined in the Business 6 businesses as Enterprise for 7 Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. The 8 Authority shall conduct outreach to minority-owned businesses 9 and women-owned businesses. Outreach shall include, but is not 10 limited to, advertisements in periodicals and newspapers, 11 mailings, and other appropriate media. The Authority shall 12 submit to the General Assembly a comprehensive report that shall include, at a minimum, the details of the procurement 13 14 plan, outreach efforts, and the results of the efforts to 15 achieve goals for the payment of fees. The service providers 16 selected by the Authority pursuant to such program shall not 17 approval by the Regional Transportation subject to be Regional Transportation Authority's 18 Authority, and the 19 approval pursuant to subsection (e) of this Section 12c 20 related to the issuance of debt shall not be based in any way 21 on the service providers selected by the Authority pursuant to 22 this Section.

(k) No person holding an elective office in this State, holding a seat in the General Assembly, serving as a director, trustee, officer, or employee of the Regional Transportation Authority or the Chicago Transit Authority, including the

spouse or minor child of that person, may receive a legal, banking, consulting, or other fee related to the issuance of any bond issued by the Chicago Transit Authority pursuant to this Section.

5 (Source: P.A. 100-391, eff. 8-25-17.)

6 (70 ILCS 3605/19) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 319)

7 Sec. 19. <u>Chicago Transit Board</u>.

8 <u>(a) Until February 1, 2026, the</u> The governing and 9 administrative body of the Authority shall be a board 10 consisting of <u>7</u> seven members, to be known as Chicago Transit 11 Board.

12 (b) On and after February 1, 2026, the governing and 13 administrative body of the authority shall be a board 14 consisting of 8 members, to be known as the Chicago Transit 15 Board.

16 <u>(1) 6 members shall be appointed by the Mayor of the</u> 17 <u>City of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City</u> 18 <u>Council of the City of Chicago. The members appointed</u> 19 <u>under this paragraph (1) shall reside within the City of</u> 20 <u>Chicago and one of these members shall be a representative</u> 21 <u>of organized labor.</u>

22The member representing organized labor shall be23selected from a list of 3 persons recommended by the24president of a countywide labor council body representing25more than 30 labor organizations recognized under the

| 1 | National Labor Relations Act or the Railway Labor Act | | | | | | | | | |
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| 2 | located within a county with a population of at least | | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 3,000,000 inhabitants. If such a member has not been | | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | appointed within 60 days for the initial term, or | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 | appointed within 60 days of the expiration of a term or a | | | | | | | | | |
| 6 | vacancy in the office, the first person on the list | | | | | | | | | |
| 7 | provided to the Mayor will automatically assume the | | | | | | | | | |
| 8 | office. | | | | | | | | | |
| 9 | (2) 2 members shall be appointed by the President of | | | | | | | | | |
| 10 | the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice and | | | | | | | | | |
| 11 | consent of the members of the Cook County Board of | | | | | | | | | |
| 12 | Commissioners. The members appointed under this paragraph | | | | | | | | | |
| 13 | (2) shall reside in the part of Cook County outside the | | | | | | | | | |
| 14 | City of Chicago. | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 | (c) To implement the changes in appointing authority under | | | | | | | | | |
| 16 | subsection (b) of this Section, the following provisions | | | | | | | | | |
| 17 | apply: | | | | | | | | | |
| 18 | (1) Members who are appointed to the Chicago Transit | | | | | | | | | |
| 19 | Board by the Mayor of Chicago under subsection (a) of | | | | | | | | | |
| 20 | Section 20 and who are serving on the Board on the | | | | | | | | | |
| 21 | effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General | | | | | | | | | |
| 22 | Assembly shall retain their offices until January 31, 2026 | | | | | | | | | |
| 23 | or until the expiration of a term of office or a vacancy in | | | | | | | | | |
| 24 | their respective office. Upon expiration of a term of | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 | office or vacancy prior to January 31, 2028, these offices | | | | | | | | | |
| 26 | shall be filled under subsection (a) of Section 20. | | | | | | | | | |

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| 1 | (2) The Mayor of Chicago shall appoint 6 members to |
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| 2 | the Chicago Transit Board under paragraph (1) of |
| 3 | subsection (b) of this Section, to begin their terms of |
| 4 | office on February 1, 2026, and their appointments shall |
| 5 | be made in time to begin their terms of office on February |
| 6 | 1, 2026. A member serving as a member on January 31, 2026 |
| 7 | may be reappointed to the Board. Of the members appointed |
| 8 | to begin their terms of office on February 1, 2026, the |
| 9 | Mayor of Chicago shall appoint 3 members with 4-year terms |
| 10 | and 3 members with 2-year terms. Subsequent terms of |
| 11 | office for all members shall be 4 years. |
| 12 | (3) Members who are appointed to the Chicago Transit |
| 13 | Board by the Governor under subsection (a) of Section 20 |
| 14 | and who were serving on Board on the effective date of this |

15amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall retain16their offices until January 31, 2026. Upon the expiration17of a term of office or a vacancy prior to January 31, 2026,18these offices shall be filled under subsection (a) of19Section 20.

20 (4) Members appointed to the Chicago Transit Board 21 under paragraph (2) of subsection (b) of this Section will 22 begin their terms of office on February 1, 2026, and their 23 appointments shall be made in time to begin their terms of 24 office on February 1, 2026. Of the members appointed to 25 begin their terms on February 1, 2026, the President of 26 the Cook County Board shall appoint one member with a

| 1 | <u>4-year</u> | term | and | one | member | with | a 2 | -year | term. | Subsequent |
|---|---------------|--------|-----|------|----------|--------|------|-------|--------|------------|
| | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | terms | of off | ice | of a | ll membe | ers sh | nall | be 4 | years. | |

3 Members of the Board shall be residents of the (d) 4 metropolitan area and persons of recognized business ability. 5 Members shall have diverse and substantial relevant experience and expertise in overseeing the planning, operation, and 6 7 funding of a public transportation system, including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and regional planning, 8 9 management of large capital projects, labor and workforce development, business management, public administration, 10 11 transportation, and transit and ridership advocacy. No member 12 of the Board of the Authority shall hold any other office or employment under the Federal, State or any County or any 13 municipal government, or any other unit of local government, 14 15 except an honorary office without compensation or an office in 16 the National Guard. No employee of the Authority shall hold 17 any other office or employment under the Federal, State or any County or any municipal government, or any other unit of local 18 19 government, except an office with compensation not exceeding \$15,000 annually or a position in the National Guard or the 20 United States military reserves. Provided, however, that the 21 22 Chairman may be a member of the Board of the Regional 23 Transportation Authority. No member of the Board or employee of the Authority shall have any private financial interest, 24 25 profit or benefit in any contract, work or business of the 26 Authority nor in the sale or lease of any property to or from

the Authority. The salary of each member of the initial Board 1 2 shall be \$15,000.00 per annum, and such salary shall not be increased or diminished during his or her term of office. The 3 salaries of successor members of the Board shall be fixed by 4 5 the Board and shall not be increased or diminished during their respective terms of office. No Board member shall be 6 allowed any fees, perquisites or emoluments, reward or 7 8 compensation for his or her services as a member or officer of 9 the Authority aside from his or her salary or pension, but he 10 or she shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred by him 11 or her in the performance of his or her duties.

12 (Source: P.A. 98-709, eff. 7-16-14.)

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(70 ILCS 3605/20) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 320)

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Sec. 20. Terms; vacancies.

15 (a) Until February 1, 2026 Within sixty (60) days after 16 the adoption of this Act by the electors of one or more cities, villages and incorporated towns within the metropolitan area 17 18 having a population in the aggregate of at least 100,000 19 according to the Federal census of 1940, the Governor, by and 20 with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint three 21 members of the Board for initial terms expiring September 22 first of the years 1947, 1948 and 1949, respectively, at least one of which members shall be a resident of that portion of the 23 24 metropolitan area which is outside the corporate limits of the 25 City of Chicago, and the Mayor, with advice and consent of the

City Council of the City of Chicago, shall appoint 4 four 1 2 members of the Board for initial terms expiring September first of the years 1946, 1950, 1951 and 1952, respectively. At 3 the expiration of the term of any member appointed by the 4 5 Governor his successor shall be appointed by the Governor, and at the expiration of the term of any member appointed by the 6 7 Mayor his successor shall be appointed by the Mayor in like 8 manner, and with like regard as to the place of residence of 9 the appointee, as appointments for the initial terms. All 10 successors shall hold office for the term of 7 seven years from 11 the first day of September of the year in which they are 12 appointed, except in case of an appointment to fill a vacancy. In case of vacancy in the office of any member appointed by the 13 14 Governor during the recess of the Senate, the Governor shall 15 make a temporary appointment until the next meeting of the 16 Senate when he shall nominate some person to fill such office; 17 and any person so nominated, who is confirmed by the Senate, shall hold his office during the remainder of the term and 18 19 until his successor shall be appointed and qualified. If the 20 Senate is not in session at the time this Act takes effect, the Governor shall make temporary appointments as in case of 21 22 vacancies. Each appointment by the Governor shall be subject 23 to approval by the Mayor, and each appointment by the Mayor 24 shall be subject to approval by the Governor and, when so 25 approved, the Governor and the Mayor shall certify their 26 respective appointments and approvals to the Secretary of

State. If the Governor or the Mayor does not approve or 1 2 disapprove the appointment by the Mayor or the Governor, respectively, within 15 days after receipt thereof, the person 3 is appointed. Within thirty days after certification and 4 5 approval of his appointment, and before entering upon the 6 duties of his office, each member of the Board shall take and subscribe the constitutional oath of office and file it in the 7 8 office of the Secretary of State.

9 (b) Beginning February 1, 2026, each board member shall hold office for a term of 4 years and until the member's 10 11 successor has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy 12 shall occur upon resignation, death, conviction of a felony, or removal from office. Any member may be removed from office 13 14 (i) upon concurrence vote of 6 of the then-serving board members, on a formal finding of incompetence, neglect of duty, 15 16 or malfeasance in office or (ii) by the Governor in response to 17 a summary report received from the Executive Inspector General in accordance with Section 10-50 of the State Officials and 18 19 Employees Ethics Act, provided the member has an opportunity 20 to be publicly heard in person or by counsel before removal. 21 Within 30 days after the office of any member becomes vacant 22 for any reason, the appointing authorities of the member shall 23 make an appointment to fill the vacancy. A vacancy shall be 24 filled for the unexpired term of the member.

25 (Source: P.A. 79-938.)

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(70 ILCS 3605/22) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 322)

2 Sec. 22. As soon as possible after the appointment of the 3 initial members, the board shall organize for the transaction of business, select a chairman and a temporary secretary from 4 5 its own number, and adopt by-laws, rules and regulations to govern its proceedings. The initial chairman and successors 6 shall be elected by the Board from time to time for the term of 7 his office as a member of the Board or for the term of three 8 9 years, whichever is shorter.

10 As soon as possible after the appointment of the members 11 of the Board on February 1, 2026, the board shall organize for 12 the transaction of business and select a chairman and a 13 temporary secretary from its own number. The Board shall fix the salary of the chairman in addition to his salary as a 14 member of the Board, which shall not be increased or 15 16 diminished during his term of office as chairman. But if the 17 chairman is engaged in any other business or employment during his term as chairman, his annual salary shall be not more than 18 19 \$25,000.

20 (Source: P.A. 80-937.)

(70 ILCS 3605/23) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 323)
Sec. 23. Regular meetings of the Board shall be held at
least once in each calendar month, the time and place of such
meetings to be fixed by the Board. <u>Until February 1, 2026, 4</u>
Four members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the

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transaction of business and, beginning February 1, 2026, 5 1 2 members of the Board shall constitute a quorum. All action of 3 the Board shall be by ordinance or resolution, and the affirmative vote of at least 4 four members, prior to February 4 1, 2026, or at least 5 members, beginning February 1, 2026, 5 shall be necessary for the adoption of any ordinance or 6 7 resolution. All such ordinances and resolutions before taking 8 effect shall be approved by the chairman of the Board, and if 9 he shall approve thereof he shall sign the same, and such as he 10 shall not approve he shall return to the Board with his 11 objections thereto in writing at the next regular meeting of 12 the Board occurring after the passage thereof. But in case the chairman shall fail to return any ordinance or resolution with 13 14 his objections thereto by the time aforesaid, he shall be 15 deemed to have approved the same and it shall take effect 16 accordingly. Upon the return of any ordinance or resolution by 17 the chairman with his objections, the vote by which the same was passed shall be reconsidered by the Board, and if upon such 18 19 reconsideration said ordinance or resolution is passed by the affirmative vote of at least 5 five members, prior to February 20 1, 2026, and at least 6 members, beginning February 1, 2026, it 21 22 shall go into effect notwithstanding the veto of the chairman. 23 All ordinances, resolutions and all proceedings of the 24 Authority and all documents and records in its possession 25 shall be public records, and open to public inspection, except 26 such documents and records as shall be kept or prepared by the

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Board for use in negotiations, action or proceedings to which
 the Authority is a party.

Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the 3 public and maintained in real-time on the Board's website 4 using a high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each 5 meeting broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website 6 7 within a reasonable time after the meeting and shall be 8 maintained as public records to the extent practicable, as 9 determined by the Board. Compliance with the provisions of 10 this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly does not 11 relieve the Board of its obligations under the Open Meetings 12 Act.

13 (Source: P.A. 98-1139, eff. 6-1-15.)

14 (70 ILCS 3605/28a) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 328a)

15 Sec. 28a. (a) The Board may deal with and enter into 16 written contracts with the employees of the Authority through of 17 accredited representatives such employees or 18 representatives of any labor organization authorized to act for such employees, concerning wages, salaries, hours, working 19 20 conditions and pension or retirement provisions; provided, 21 nothing herein shall be construed to permit hours of labor in 22 excess of those provided by law or to permit working 23 conditions prohibited by law. In case of dispute over wages, 24 salaries, hours, working conditions, or pension or retirement 25 provisions the Board may arbitrate any question or questions

1 and may agree with such accredited representatives or labor 2 organization that the decision of a majority of any 3 arbitration board shall be final, provided each party shall 4 agree in advance to pay half of the expense of such 5 arbitration.

6 No contract or agreement shall be made with any labor 7 organization, association, group or individual for the 8 employment of members of such organization, association, group 9 or individual for the construction, improvement, maintenance, 10 operation or administration of any property, plant or 11 facilities under the jurisdiction of the Authority, where such 12 organization, association, group or individual denies on the 13 ground of race, creed, color, sex, religion, physical or mental disability unrelated to ability, or national origin 14 15 membership and equal opportunities for employment to any 16 citizen of Illinois.

(b) (1) The provisions of this paragraph (b) apply to collective bargaining agreements (including extensions and amendments of existing agreements) entered into on or after January 1, 1984.

21 (2) The Board shall deal with and enter into written 22 contracts with their employees, through accredited 23 representatives of such employees authorized to act for such wages, salaries, hours, 24 employees concerning working 25 conditions, and pension or retirement provisions about which a 26 collective bargaining agreement has been entered prior to the

effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983. Any such 1 2 agreement of the Authority shall provide that the agreement may be reopened if the amended budget submitted pursuant to 3 Section 2.18a of the Regional Transportation Authority Act is 4 5 not approved by the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority. The agreement may not include a provision requiring 6 7 the payment of wage increases based on changes in the Consumer 8 Price Index. The Board shall not have the authority to enter 9 into collective bargaining agreements with respect to inherent 10 management rights, which include such areas of discretion or 11 policy as the functions of the employer, standards of 12 services, its overall budget, the organizational structure and 13 selection of new employees and direction of personnel. Employers, however, shall be required to bargain collectively 14 15 with regard to policy matters directly affecting wages, hours 16 and terms and conditions of employment, as well as the impact 17 thereon upon request by employee representatives. To preserve the rights of employers and exclusive representatives which 18 have established collective bargaining relationships 19 or 20 negotiated collective bargaining agreements prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983, employers shall 21 22 be required to bargain collectively with regard to any matter 23 concerning wages, hours or conditions of employment about which they have bargained prior to the effective date of this 24 25 amendatory Act of 1983.

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(3) The collective bargaining agreement may not include a

prohibition on the use of part-time operators on any service operated by or funded by the Board, except where prohibited by federal law.

(4) Within 30 days of the signing of any such collective 4 5 bargaining agreement, the Board shall determine the costs of each provision of the agreement, prepare an amended budget 6 incorporating the costs of the agreement, and present the 7 8 amended budget to the Board of the Regional Transportation 9 Authority for its approval under Section 4.11 of the Regional 10 Transportation Act. The Board of the Regional Transportation 11 Authority may approve the amended budget by an affirmative 12 vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by an affirmative vote of at least 14 Directors, beginning 13 14 February 1, 2026. If the budget is not approved by the Board of 15 the Regional Transportation Authority, the agreement may be 16 reopened and its terms may be renegotiated. Any amended budget 17 which may be prepared following renegotiation shall be presented to the Board of the Regional Transportation 18 19 Authority for its approval in like manner.

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

21 (70 ILCS 3605/34) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 334)

Sec. 34. Budget and Program. The Authority, subject to the powers of the Regional Transportation Authority in Section 4.11 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, shall control the finances of the Authority. It shall by ordinance

appropriate money to perform the Authority's purposes and 1 2 provide for payment of debts and expenses of the Authority. 3 year the Authority shall prepare and publish Each а comprehensive annual budget and five-year capital program 4 5 document, and a financial plan for the 2 years thereafter 6 describing the state of the Authority and presenting for the 7 forthcoming fiscal year and the two following years the 8 Authority's plans for such operations and capital expenditures 9 as it intends to undertake and the means by which it intends to 10 finance them. The proposed budget, financial plan, and 11 five-year capital program shall be based on the Regional 12 Transportation Authority's estimate of funds to be made 13 available to the Authority by or through the Regional Transportation Authority and shall conform in all respects to 14 15 the requirements established by the Regional Transportation 16 Authority. The proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year 17 capital program shall contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, 18 the funds estimated to be received from all sources for such 19 year and the funds estimated to be on hand at the end of such 20 year. The proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year 21 22 capital program shall be available at no cost for public 23 inspection at the Authority's main office and at the Regional Transportation Authority's main office at least 3 weeks prior 24 25 to any public hearing. Before the proposed budget, financial 26 plan, and five-year capital program are submitted to the

Regional Transportation Authority, the Authority shall hold at 1 2 least one public hearing thereon in each of the counties in 3 which the Authority provides service. All Board members of the Authority shall attend a majority of the public hearings 4 5 unless reasonable cause is given for their absence. After the public hearings, the Board of the Authority shall hold at 6 7 least one meeting for consideration of the proposed program 8 and budget with the Cook County Board. Prior to the capital 9 program being submitted to the Regional Transportation 10 Authority, the Authority shall hold at least one meeting for 11 consideration of the proposed 5-year capital program with 12 representatives of labor organizations that have a collective 13 bargaining agreement with the Authority. After conducting such 14 hearings and holding such meetings and after making such changes in the proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year 15 16 capital program as the Board deems appropriate, it shall adopt 17 an annual budget ordinance at least by November 15th preceding the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget, financial plan, 18 and five-year capital program shall then be submitted to the 19 20 Regional Transportation Authority as provided in Section 4.11 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. In the event 21 22 that the Board of the Regional Transportation Authority 23 determines that the budget, financial plan, and five-year capital program do not meet the standards of said Section 24 25 4.11, the Board of the Authority shall make such changes as are 26 necessary to meet such requirements and adopt an amended

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budget ordinance. The amended budget ordinance shall be 1 2 resubmitted to the Regional Transportation Authority pursuant to said Section 4.11. The ordinance shall appropriate such 3 sums of money as are deemed necessary to defray all necessary 4 expenses and obligations of the Authority, specifying purposes 5 6 and the objects or programs for which appropriations are made 7 and the amount appropriated for each object or program. 8 Additional appropriations, transfers between items and other 9 changes in such ordinance which do not alter the basis upon 10 which the balanced budget determination was made by the 11 Regional Transportation Authority may be made from time to 12 time by the Board.

13 The budget shall:

(i) show a balance between (A) anticipated revenues
from all sources including operating subsidies and (B) the
costs of providing the services specified and of funding
any operating deficits or encumbrances incurred in prior
periods, including provision for payment when due of
principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness;

(ii) show cash balances including the proceeds of any
 anticipated cash flow borrowing sufficient to pay with
 reasonable promptness all costs and expenses as incurred;

(iii) provide for a level of fares or charges and
operating or administrative costs for the public
transportation provided by or subject to the jurisdiction
of the Board sufficient to allow the Board to meet its

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required system generated revenue recovery ratio as
 determined in accordance with subsection (a) of Section
 4.11 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act;

4 (iv) be based upon and employ assumptions and 5 projections which are reasonable and prudent;

6 (v) have been prepared in accordance with sound 7 financial practices as determined by the Board of the 8 Regional Transportation Authority;

9 (vi) meet such other financial, budgetary, or fiscal 10 requirements that the Board of the Regional Transportation 11 Authority may by rule or regulation establish; and

12 (vii) be consistent with the goals and objectives
13 adopted by the Regional Transportation Authority in the
14 Strategic Plan.

15 The Board shall establish a fiscal operating year. At 16 least thirty days prior to the beginning of the first full 17 fiscal year after the creation of the Authority, and annually thereafter, the Board shall cause to be prepared a tentative 18 budget which shall include all operation and maintenance 19 20 expense for the ensuing fiscal year. The tentative budget shall be considered by the Board and, subject to any revision 21 22 and amendments as may be determined, shall be adopted prior to 23 the first day of the ensuing fiscal year as the budget for that year. No expenditures for operations and maintenance in excess 24 25 of the budget shall be made during any fiscal year except by the affirmative vote of at least 5 five members of the Board, 26

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prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at 1 least 6 members, beginning February 1, 2026. It shall not be 2 3 necessary to include in the annual budget any statement of necessary expenditures for pensions or retirement annuities, 4 5 or for interest or principal payments on bonds or certificates, or for capital outlays, but it shall be the duty 6 of the Board to make provision for payment of same from 7 8 appropriate funds. The Board may not alter its fiscal year 9 without the prior approval of the Board of the Regional 10 Transportation Authority.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

12 (70 ILCS 3605/21 rep.)

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

Section 45. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
amended by changing Sections 2.01, 2.01a, 2.01b, 2.01c, 2.04,
2.05, 2.08, 2.12b, 2.14, 2.18a, 2.30, 3.01, 3.03, 3.05, 3A.02,
3A.09, 3A.10, 3A.14, 3B.02, 3B.09, 3B.10, 3B.13, 4.01, 4.03,
4.03.3, 4.04, 4.09, 4.11, 4.13, and 4.14 and by adding
Sections 2.08a, 2.43, and 2.44 as follows:

(70 ILCS 3615/2.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.01)
 Sec. 2.01. General Allocation of Responsibility for Public
 Transportation.

1 (a) In order to accomplish the purposes as set forth in 2 this Act, the responsibility for planning, operating, and 3 funding public transportation in the metropolitan region shall 4 be allocated as described in this Act. The Authority shall:

5 (i) adopt plans that implement the public policy of 6 the State to provide adequate, efficient, geographically 7 equitable and coordinated public transportation throughout 8 the metropolitan region;

9 (ii) set goals, objectives, and standards for the 10 Authority, the Service Boards, and transportation 11 agencies;

12 (iii) develop performance measures to inform the 13 public about the extent to which the provision of public 14 transportation in the metropolitan region meets those 15 goals, objectives, and standards;

16 (iv) allocate operating and capital funds made 17 available to support public transportation in the 18 metropolitan region;

(v) provide financial oversight of the Service Boards;and

(vi) coordinate the provision of public transportation and the investment in public transportation facilities to enhance the integration of public transportation throughout the metropolitan region, all as provided in this Act.

26 The Service Boards shall, on a continuing basis determine

the level, nature and kind of public transportation which 1 should be provided for the metropolitan region in order to 2 3 meet the plans, goals, objectives, and standards adopted by Authority. The Service Boards may provide 4 the public 5 transportation by purchasing such service from transportation agencies through purchase of service agreements, by grants to 6 7 such agencies or by operating such service, all pursuant to this Act and the "Metropolitan Transit Authority Act", as now 8 9 or hereafter amended. Certain of its actions to implement the 10 responsibilities allocated to the Authority in this subsection 11 (a) shall be taken in 3 public documents adopted by the 12 affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of 13 its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026: A Strategic 14 15 Plan; a Five-Year Capital Program; and an Annual Budget and 16 Two-Year Financial Plan.

17 (b) The Authority shall subject the operating and capital plans and expenditures of the Service Boards 18 in the metropolitan region with regard to public transportation to 19 20 continuing review so that the Authority may budget and expend its funds with maximum effectiveness and efficiency. The 21 22 Authority shall conduct audits of each of the Service Boards 23 every 5 years. Such audits may include less than no 24 management, performance, financial, and infrastructure 25 condition audits. The Authority may conduct management, 26 performance, financial, and infrastructure condition audits of

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transportation agencies that receive funds from the Authority. 1 2 The Authority may direct a Service Board to conduct any such 3 audit of a transportation agency that receives funds from such Service Board, and the Service Board shall comply with such 4 5 request to the extent it has the right to do so. These audits of the Service Boards or transportation agencies may be 6 7 service specific audits to evaluate their project or 8 achievement of the goals and objectives of that project or 9 service and their compliance with any applicable requirements. 10 (Source: P.A. 98-1027, eff. 1-1-15.)

- 11 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01a)
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Sec. 2.01a. Strategic Plan.

(a) By the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then 13 14 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative 15 vote of at least 14 Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, the 16 Authority shall adopt a Strategic Plan, no less than every 5 years, after consultation with the Service Boards and after 17 18 holding a minimum of 3 public hearings in Cook County and one 19 public hearing in each of the other counties in the region. The 20 Executive Director of the Authority shall review the Strategic 21 Plan on an ongoing basis and make recommendations to the Board 22 of the Authority with respect to any update or amendment of the Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan shall describe the specific 23 24 actions to be taken by the Authority and the Service Boards to provide adequate, efficient, and coordinated 25 public

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1 transportation.

2 (b) The Strategic Plan shall identify goals and objectives3 with respect to:

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

6 (ii) coordination of public transportation services 7 and the investment in public transportation facilities to 8 enhance the integration of public transportation 9 throughout the metropolitan region;

10 (iii) coordination of fare and transfer policies to 11 promote transfers by riders amonq Service Boards, 12 transportation agencies, and public transportation modes, which may include goals and objectives for development of 13 14 universal fare instrument that riders а mav use 15 interchangeably on all public transportation funded by the 16 Authority, and methods to be used to allocate revenues 17 from transfers;

18 (iv) improvements in public transportation facilities 19 to bring those facilities into a state of good repair, 20 enhancements that attract ridership and improve customer 21 service, and expansions needed to serve areas with 22 sufficient demand for public transportation;

(v) access for transit-dependent populations,
 including access by low-income communities to places of
 employment, utilizing analyses provided by the Chicago
 Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding employment and

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1 transportation availability, and giving consideration to 2 the location of employment centers in each county and the 3 availability of public transportation at off-peak hours 4 and on weekends;

5 (vi) the financial viability of the public 6 transportation system, including both operating and 7 capital programs;

8 (vii) limiting road congestion within the metropolitan 9 region and enhancing transit options to improve mobility; 10 and

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

(c) The Strategic Plan shall establish the process and criteria by which proposals for capital improvements by a Service Board or a transportation agency will be evaluated by the Authority for inclusion in the Five-Year Capital Program, which may include criteria for:

20 (i) allocating funds among maintenance, enhancement,
 21 and expansion improvements;

(ii) projects to be funded from the Innovation,Coordination, and Enhancement Fund;

24 (iii) projects intended to improve or enhance 25 ridership or customer service;

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(iv) design and location of station or transit

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improvements intended to promote transfers, increase ridership, and support transit-oriented land development;

3 4 (v) assessing the impact of projects on the ability to operate and maintain the existing transit system; and

5 (vi) other criteria that advance the goals and 6 objectives of the Strategic Plan.

7 Strategic Plan shall establish performance (d) The 8 standards and measurements regarding the adequacy, efficiency, 9 geographic equity and coordination of public transportation 10 services in the region and the implementation of the goals and 11 objectives in the Strategic Plan. At a minimum, such standards 12 and measures shall include customer-related performance data 13 measured by line, route, or sub-region, as determined by the 14 Authority, on the following:

(i) travel times and on-time performance;

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(ii) ridership data;

17 (iii) equipment failure rates;

18 (iv) employee and customer safety; and

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(v) customer satisfaction.

20 The Service Boards and transportation agencies that receive funding from the Authority or Service Boards shall 21 22 prepare, publish, and submit to the Authority such reports 23 with regard to these standards and measurements in the frequency and form required by the Authority; however, the 24 25 frequency of such reporting shall be no less than annual. The 26 Service Boards shall publish such reports on their respective websites. The Authority shall compile and publish such reports on its website. Such performance standards and measures shall not be used as the basis for disciplinary action against any employee of the Authority or Service Boards, except to the sextent the employment and disciplinary practices of the Authority or Service Board provide for such action.

7 (e) The Strategic Plan shall identify innovations to 8 improve the delivery of public transportation and the 9 construction of public transportation facilities.

Strategic Plan shall describe the 10 (f) The expected 11 financial condition of public transportation in the 12 metropolitan region prospectively over a 10-year period, which 13 may include information about the cash position and all known obligations of the Authority and the Service Boards including 14 15 operating expenditures, debt service, contributions for 16 payment of pension and other post-employment benefits, the 17 expected revenues from fares, tax receipts, grants from the federal, State, and local governments for operating and 18 capital purposes and issuance of debt, the availability of 19 20 working capital, and the resources needed to achieve the goals and objectives described in the Strategic Plan. 21

(g) In developing the Strategic Plan, the Authority shall rely on such demographic and other data, forecasts, and assumptions developed by the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning with respect to the patterns of population density and growth, projected commercial and residential development,

and environmental factors, within the metropolitan region and 1 2 in areas outside the metropolitan region that may impact public transportation utilization in the metropolitan region. 3 The Authority shall also consult with the Illinois Department 4 5 of Transportation's Office of Planning and Programming when developing the Strategic Plan. Before adopting or amending any 6 7 Strategic Plan, the Authority shall consult with the Chicago 8 Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding the consistency of 9 the Strategic Plan with the Regional Comprehensive Plan 10 adopted pursuant to the Regional Planning Act.

11 (h) The Authority may adopt, by the affirmative vote of at 12 least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, 13 14 beginning February 1, 2026, sub-regional or corridor plans for 15 specific geographic areas of the metropolitan region in order 16 to improve the adequacy, efficiency, geographic equity and 17 coordination of existing, or the delivery of new, public transportation. Such plans may also address areas outside the 18 metropolitan region that may impact public transportation 19 20 utilization in the metropolitan region. In preparing a sub-regional or corridor plan, the Authority may identify 21 22 changes in operating practices or capital investment in the 23 sub-region or corridor that could increase ridership, reduce improve coordination, or enhance transit-oriented 24 costs, 25 development. The Authority shall consult with any affected 26 Service Boards in the preparation of any sub-regional or

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1 corridor plans.

2 (i) If the Authority determines, by the affirmative vote 3 of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then 4 5 Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, that, with respect to 6 any proposed new public transportation service or facility, 7 (i) multiple Service Boards or transportation agencies are potential service providers and (ii) the public transportation 8 9 facilities to be constructed or purchased to provide that 10 service have an expected construction cost of more than 11 \$25,000,000, the Authority shall have sole responsibility for 12 alternatives analysis and conducting any preliminary 13 environmental assessment required by federal or State law. 14 Nothing in this subparagraph (i) shall prohibit a Service 15 Board from undertaking alternatives analysis and preliminary 16 environmental assessment for any public transportation service 17 or facility identified in items (i) and (ii) above that is included in the Five-Year Capital Program as of the effective 18 date of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly; 19 20 however, any expenditure related to any such public transportation service or facility must be included in a 21 22 Five-Year Capital Program under the requirements of Sections 23 2.01b and 4.02 of this Act.

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

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2.01b. Five-Year Capital Program. 1 Sec. The Bv the 2 affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to 3 February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, the Authority, 4 5 after consultation with the Service Boards and after holding a minimum of 3 public hearings in Cook County and one public 6 hearing in each of the other counties in the metropolitan 7 8 region, shall each year adopt a Five-Year Capital Program that 9 shall include each capital improvement to be undertaken by or 10 on behalf of a Service Board provided that the Authority finds 11 that the improvement meets any criteria for capital 12 contained in the Strategic Plan, is improvements not 13 inconsistent with any sub-regional or corridor plan adopted by the Authority, and can be funded within amounts available with 14 to the 15 respect capital and operating costs of such 16 improvement. In reviewing proposals for improvements to be 17 included in a Five-Year Capital Program, the Authority may give priority to improvements that are intended to bring 18 public transportation facilities into a state of good repair. 19 20 The Five-Year Capital Program shall also identify capital improvements to be undertaken by 21 а Service Board, a 22 transportation agency, or a unit of local government and 23 funded by the Authority from amounts in the Innovation, 24 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund, provided that no 25 improvement that is included in the Five-Year Capital Program as of the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th 26

General Assembly may receive funding from the Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement Fund. Before adopting a Five-Year Capital Program, the Authority shall consult with the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning regarding the consistency of the Five-Year Capital Program with the Regional Comprehensive Plan adopted pursuant to the Regional Planning Act.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

9 (70 ILCS 3615/2.01c)

Sec. 2.01c. Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement Fund.

12 Authority shall establish (a) The an Innovation, 13 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund and deposit into the Fund an amount equal to \$10,000,000 in 2008, and, each year 14 15 thereafter, an amount equal to the amount deposited in the 16 previous year increased or decreased by the percentage growth or decline in revenues received by the Authority from taxes 17 18 imposed under Section 4.03 in the previous year. Amounts on 19 deposit in such Fund and interest and other earnings on those 20 amounts may be used by the Authority, upon the affirmative vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, 21 22 and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then 23 Directors beginning February 1, 2026, and after a public 24 participation process, for operating or capital grants or 25 loans to Service Boards, transportation agencies, or units of

local government that advance the goals and objectives 1 2 identified by the Authority in its Strategic Plan, provided that no improvement that has been included in a Five-Year 3 Capital Program as of the effective date of this amendatory 4 5 Act of the 95th General Assembly may receive any funding from the Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement Fund. Unless the 6 7 Board has determined, by a vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at 8 9 least 14 of its then Directors beginning February 1, 2026, 10 that an emergency exists requiring the use of some or all of 11 the funds then in the Innovation, Coordination, and 12 Enhancement Fund, such funds may only be used to enhance the 13 coordination and integration of public transportation and 14 develop and implement innovations to improve the quality and 15 delivery of public transportation.

16 (b) Any grantee that receives funds from the Innovation, 17 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund for the operation of eligible programs must (i) implement such programs within one 18 year of receipt of such funds and (ii) within 2 years following 19 20 commencement of any program utilizing such funds, determine whether it is desirable to continue the program, and upon such 21 22 a determination, either incorporate such program into its 23 annual operating budget and capital program or discontinue such program. No additional funds from the Innovation, 24 Coordination, and Enhancement Fund may be distributed to a 25 26 grantee for any individual program beyond 2 years unless the

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Authority, by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February <u>1, 2026,</u> waives this limitation. Any such waiver will be with regard to an individual program and with regard to a one year-period, and any further waivers for such individual program require a subsequent vote of the Board.

8 (Source: P.A. 97-399, eff. 8-16-11.)

9 (70 ILCS 3615/2.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.04)

10 Sec. 2.04. Fares and Nature of Service.

11 Whenever a Service Board provides any public (a) 12 transportation by operating public transportation facilities, 13 the Service Board shall provide for the level and nature of 14 fares or charges to be made for such services, and the nature 15 and standards of public transportation to be so provided that 16 meet the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the Strategic Plan. Provided, however that if the Board adopts a 17 budget and financial plan for a Service Board in accordance 18 19 with the provisions in Section 4.11(b)(5), the Board may 20 consistent with the terms of any purchase of service contract 21 provide for the level and nature of fares to be made for such 22 services under the jurisdiction of that Service Board, and the nature and standards of public transportation to be so 23 24 provided.

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(b) Whenever a Service Board provides any public

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transportation pursuant to grants made after June 30, 1975, to 1 2 transportation agencies for operating expenses (other than 3 with regard to experimental programs) or pursuant to any purchase of service agreement, the purchase of service 4 5 agreement or grant contract shall provide for the level and nature of fares or charges to be made for such services, and 6 7 the nature and standards of public transportation to be so 8 provided. A Service Board shall require all transportation 9 agencies with which it contracts, or from which it purchases 10 transportation services or to which it makes grants to provide 11 half fare transportation for their student riders if any of 12 such agencies provide for half fare transportation to their 13 student riders.

(c) In so providing for the fares or charges and the nature 14 15 and standards of public transportation, any purchase of 16 service agreements or grant contracts shall provide, among 17 other matters, for the terms or cost of transfers or interconnections between different modes of transportation and 18 19 different public transportation agencies, schedules or routes 20 of such service, changes which may be made in such service, the nature and condition of the facilities used in providing 21 22 service, the manner of collection and disposition of fares or 23 charges, the records and reports to be kept and made 24 concerning such service, for interchangeable tickets or other 25 coordinated or uniform methods of collection of charges, and 26 shall further require that the transportation agency comply

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with any determination made by the Board of the Authority 1 2 under and subject to the provisions of Section 2.12b of this 3 Act. In regard to any such service, the Authority and the Service Boards shall give attention to and may undertake 4 5 programs to promote use of public transportation and to 6 provide coordinated ticket sales and passenger information. In 7 the case of a grant to a transportation agency which remains 8 subject to Illinois Commerce Commission supervision and 9 regulation, the Service Boards shall exercise the powers set 10 forth in this Section in a manner consistent with such 11 supervision and regulation by the Illinois Commerce 12 Commission.

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13 (d) By January 1, 2013, the Authority, in consultation with the Service Boards and the general public, must develop a 14 policy regarding transfer fares on all fixed-route public 15 transportation services provided by the Service Boards. The 16 17 policy shall also set forth the fare sharing agreements between the Service Boards that apply to interagency fare 18 passes and tickets. The policy established by the Authority 19 20 shall be submitted to each of the Service Boards for its approval or comments and objection. After receiving the 21 22 policy, the Service Boards have 90 days to approve or take 23 other action regarding the policy. If all of the Service Boards agree to the policy, then a regional agreement shall be 24 25 created and signed by each of the Service Boards. The terms of 26 the agreement may be changed upon petition by any of the

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Service Boards and by agreement of the other Service Boards.

2 (e) By January 1, 2015, the Authority must develop and 3 implement a regional fare payment system. The regional fare 4 system must use and conform with established pavment 5 information security industry standards and requirements of the financial industry. The system must allow consumers to use 6 contactless credit cards, debit cards, and prepaid cards to 7 8 pay for all fixed-route public transportation services. 9 Beginning in 2012 and each year thereafter until 2015, the 10 Authority must submit an annual report to the Governor and 11 General Assembly describing the progress of the Authority and 12 each of the Service Boards in implementing the regional fare 13 payment system. The Authority must adopt rules to implement the requirements set forth in this Section. 14

(f) Beginning July 1, 2026, the Authority shall be the 15 16 sole agency responsible for the management and oversight of 17 the fare collection systems used on all public transportation provided by the Service Boards. In that capacity, the 18 19 Authority shall develop and implement a regionally coordinated 20 and consolidated fare collection system to go into effect by July 1, 2027. The Authority must develop and make available 21 22 for use by riders a universal fare instrument that may be used 23 interchangeably on all public transportation funded by the 24 Authority. The Authority and Service Boards must adopt rules to implement the requirement set forth in this Section. 25

26 The Service Boards shall retain their own authority to set

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| 1 | fare rates under Sections 3A.10 and 3B.10 of this Act and |
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| 2 | Section 30 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Any |
| 3 | change to fares proposed by a Service Board must be submitted |
| 4 | to the Authority for the Authority's consideration. The |
| 5 | Authority may disapprove of any proposed fare rate changes by |
| 6 | the Service Boards in whole or may propose a different fare |
| 7 | rate, within 30 days after the fare rate change was proposed by |
| 8 | an affirmative vote of at least 14 members of the Board. |
| 9 | Beginning January 1, 2026, at least once every 2 years, |

9 10 the Authority shall assess the need to make fare adjustments 11 for public transportation provided by all Service Boards in 12 light of inflation, budgetary needs, and other relevant policy considerations. The Board shall submit proposed fare changes 13 14 to each Service Board for the Service Board's consideration. The Service Boards shall adopt or disapprove of any proposed 15 16 fare rate changes within 30 days after the Authority submitted 17 the proposal by a simple majority vote of each Service Board.

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(1) an income-based reduced fare program; and

(g) By July 1, 2026, the Authority shall implement:

(2) fare-capping for individual services and across
 public transportation service providers. Fare-capping
 means the action of no longer charging a rider for any
 additional fares for the duration of a daily, weekly,
 monthly, or 30-day pass once the rider has purchased
 enough regular one-way fares to reach the cost of the
 applicable pass.

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1 <u>(h) The Authority shall provide regular reports to the</u> 2 <u>Governor and General Assembly on progress made in implementing</u> 3 <u>the changes made by this amendatory Act of the 104th General</u> 4 <u>Assembly under subsections (f) and (g) of this Section as</u> 5 <u>outlined under Section 2.44.</u>

6 (Source: P.A. 97-85, eff. 7-7-11.)

7 (70 ILCS 3615/2.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.05)

8 Sec. 2.05. Centralized Services; Acquisition and 9 Construction.

10 (a) The Authority may at the request of two or more Service 11 Boards, serve, or designate a Service Board to serve, as a 12 centralized purchasing agent for the Service Boards so 13 requesting.

14 (b) The Authority may at the request of two or more Service 15 Boards perform other centralized services such as ridership 16 information and transfers between services under the jurisdiction of the Service Boards where such centralized 17 services financially benefit the region as a whole. Provided, 18 however, that the Board may require transfers only upon an 19 20 affirmative vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to 21 February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of 22 its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026.

(c) A Service Board or the Authority may for the benefit of
a Service Board, to meet its purposes, construct or acquire
any public transportation facility for use by a Service Board

or for use by any transportation agency and may acquire any 1 2 such facilities from any transportation agency, including also without limitation any reserve funds, employees' pension or 3 licenses, retirement funds, special funds, franchises, 4 5 patents, permits and papers, documents and records of the agency. In connection with any such acquisition from a 6 7 transportation agency the Authority may assume obligations of 8 the transportation agency with regard to such facilities or 9 property or public transportation operations of such agency.

10 In connection with any construction or acquisition, the 11 Authority shall make relocation payments as may be required by 12 federal law or by the requirements of any federal agency 13 authorized to administer any federal program of aid.

(d) The Authority shall, after consulting with the Service 14 15 Boards, develop regionally coordinated and consolidated sales, 16 marketing, advertising, and public information programs that 17 promote the use and coordination of, and transfers among, public transportation services in the metropolitan region. The 18 19 Authority shall develop and adopt, with the affirmative vote 20 of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 21 2026, and with the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, rules and regulations 22 23 for the Authority and the Service Boards regarding such programs to ensure that the Service Boards' independent 24 25 programs conform with the Authority's regional programs.

26 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

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(70 ILCS 3615/2.08) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.08) 1 2 Sec. 2.08. Protection Against Crime. The Authority shall 3 cooperate with the various State, municipal, sheriff's and 4 transportation agency police forces in the metropolitan region 5 for the protection of employees and consumers of public 6 transportation services and public transportation facilities against crime. By July 1, 2026, the The Authority shall 7 establish may provide by ordinance for an Authority police 8 9 force to aid, coordinate, and supplement other police forces 10 in protecting persons and property and reducing the threats of 11 crime with regard to public transportation provided by all 12 Service Boards. The Authority police force shall have the authority to police its transit property, vehicles, and 13 stations along all routes of the 3 Service Boards, carry out 14 investigations, and make arrests. Such police shall have the 15 16 same powers with regard to such protection of persons and property as those exercised by police of municipalities and 17 may include members of other police forces in the metropolitan 18 region. The Authority shall establish minimum standards for 19 20 selection and training of members of such police force 21 employed by it. Training shall be accomplished at schools 22 certified by the Illinois Law Enforcement Training Standards 23 Board established pursuant to the Illinois Police Training 24 Act. Such training shall be subject to the rules and standards 25 adopted pursuant to Section 7 of that Act. The Authority may

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participate in any training program conducted under that Act. 1 2 Authority may provide The for the coordination 3 consolidation of security services and police forces maintained with regard to public transportation services and 4 5 facilities by various transportation agencies and may contract with any municipality or county in the metropolitan region to 6 7 provide protection of persons or property with regard to 8 public transportation. The Authority police force shall work 9 in tandem with the Metra police force, supplementing their services as needed. Employees of the Authority or of any 10 11 transportation agency affected by any action of the Authority 12 under this Section shall be provided the protection set forth 13 in Section 2.16. Neither the Authority, the Suburban Bus Division, the Commuter Rail Division, nor any of their 14 15 Directors, officers or employees shall be held liable for 16 failure to provide a security or police force or, if a security 17 or police force is provided, for failure to provide adequate police protection or security, failure to prevent the 18 19 commission of crimes by fellow passengers or other third 20 persons or for the failure to apprehend criminals.

21 The Authority shall provide regular reports to the 22 Governor and General Assembly on progress made in implementing 23 the changes made by this amendatory Act of the 104th General 24 Assembly under this Section as outlined under Section 2.44. 25 These reports shall include the organizational structure of the police force, number of officers, detectives, and other 26

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| 1 | staff employed, future employment plans, coordination and |
| 2 | partnerships with existing police forces, training |
| 3 | accomplishments, technology advancements, and a summary of |
| 4 | data on number of incidents of crime and code of conduct |
| 5 | violations on the system and other performance measures used |
| 6 | to evaluate the effectiveness of the police force. |
| 7 | (Source: P.A. 91-357, eff. 7-29-99.) |
| 8 | (70 ILCS 3615/2.08a new) |
| 9 | Sec. 2.08a. Transit Ambassador Program. |
| 10 | (a) By July 1, 2026, the Authority, in coordination with |
| 11 | the Service Boards, must implement a Transit Ambassador |
| 12 | Program that provides for personnel deployment, rider |
| 13 | education and assistance, fare payment inspection, and |
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| 14 | improvement to the transit experience. |
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| 2 | (c) The Transit Ambassador Program will deploy trained |
| 3 | personnel on buses, bus stops, trains, and stations for all |
| 4 | Service Boards. |
| 5 | (d) The ambassador units shall be composed of mobile and |
| 6 | fixed post personnel that are trained to play a rider-facing |
| 7 | and welcoming role, promote safety for all riders and |
| 8 | operators, and help connect vulnerable riders to resources or |
| 9 | assistance. |
| 10 | (e) The duties of ambassadors include: |
| 11 | (1) monitoring and responding to passenger activity, |
| 12 | including educating passengers and specifying expectations |
| 13 | related to rider conduct; |
| 14 | (2) serving as a liaison to social service agencies; |
| 15 | (3) providing information and assistance to passengers |
| 16 | in navigating the transit system; |
| 17 | (4) performing fare payment inspections; and |
| 18 | (5) obtaining assistance from peace officers as |
| 19 | necessary. |
| 20 | (f) An individual who is authorized as an ambassador shall |
| 21 | be a member of a Service Board and shall be eligible for |
| 22 | membership in a registered labor organization. |
| 23 | (g) The Authority shall evaluate the efficacy of the |
| 24 | Transit Ambassador Program on a regular basis, at a minimum |
| 25 | every 5 years in conjunction with the adoption of its |
| 26 | Strategic Plan, and shall make appropriate adjustments to the |

1 <u>Programs.</u>

| 2 | (h) The Authority shall provide regular reports to the |
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| 3 | Governor and General Assembly on progress made in implementing |
| 4 | the changes made by this amendatory Act of the 104th General |
| 5 | Assembly under this Section as outlined under Section 2.44. |

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(70 ILCS 3615/2.12b)

7 Sec. 2.12b. Coordination of Fares and Service. Upon the 8 request of a Service Board, the Executive Director of the 9 Authority may, upon the affirmative vote of 9 of the then 10 Directors of the Authority, prior to February 1, 2026, and by 11 the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the then Directors, 12 beginning February 1, 2026, intervene in any matter involving (i) a dispute between Service Boards or a Service Board and a 13 14 transportation agency providing service on behalf of a Service 15 Board with respect to the terms of transfer between, and the 16 allocation of revenues from fares for, and charges transportation services provided by the parties or (ii) a 17 dispute between 2 Service Boards with respect to coordination 18 of service, route duplication, or a change in service. Any 19 20 Service Board or transportation agency involved in such 21 dispute shall meet with the Executive Director, cooperate in 22 good faith to attempt to resolve the dispute, and provide any books, records, and other information requested by the 23 24 Executive Director. If the Executive Director is unable to 25 mediate a resolution of any dispute, he or she may provide a

written determination recommending a change in the fares or 1 2 charges or the allocation of revenues for such service or 3 directing a change in the nature or provider of service that is the subject of the dispute. The Executive Director shall base 4 5 such determination upon the goals and objectives of the 6 Strategic Plan established pursuant to Section 2.01a(b). Such determination shall be presented to the Board of the Authority 7 8 and, if approved, by the affirmative vote of at least 9 of the 9 then Directors of the Authority, prior to February 1, 2026, 10 and by the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, shall be final and 11 12 shall be implemented by any affected Service Board and transportation agency within the time frame required by the 13 determination. 14

15 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

16 (70 ILCS 3615/2.14) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.14)

17 Sec. 2.14. Appointment of Officers and Employees. The 18 Authority may appoint, retain and employ officers, attorneys, agents, engineers and employees. The officers shall include an 19 20 Executive Director, who shall be the chief executive officer 21 the Authority, appointed by the Chairman with the of 22 concurrence of 11 of the other then Directors of the Board, 23 prior to February 1, 2026, and by the concurrence of at least 24 13 Directors, beginning February 1, 2026. The Executive 25 Director shall organize the staff of the Authority, shall

allocate their functions and duties, shall transfer such staff 1 2 to the Suburban Bus Division and the Commuter Rail Division as 3 is sufficient to meet their purposes, shall fix compensation and conditions of employment of the staff of the Authority, 4 5 and consistent with the policies of and direction from the Board, take all actions necessary to achieve its purposes, 6 7 fulfill its responsibilities and carry out its powers, and 8 shall have such other powers and responsibilities as the Board 9 shall determine. The Executive Director must be an individual 10 of proven transportation and management skills and may not be 11 a member of the Board. The Authority may employ its own 12 professional management personnel to provide professional and technical expertise concerning its purposes and powers and to 13 14 assist it in assessing the performance of the Service Boards

15 in the metropolitan region.

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

No unlawful discrimination, as defined and prohibited in the Illinois Human Rights Act, shall be made in any term or aspect of employment nor shall there be discrimination based upon political reasons or factors. The Authority shall establish regulations to insure that its discharges shall not

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be arbitrary and that hiring and promotion are based on merit.

2 The Authority shall be subject to the "Illinois Human Rights Act", as now or hereafter amended, and the remedies and 3 procedure established thereunder. The Authority shall file an 4 5 affirmative action program for employment by it with the Department of Human Rights to ensure that applicants are 6 employed and that employees are treated during employment, 7 without regard to unlawful discrimination. Such affirmative 8 9 action program shall include provisions relating to hiring, 10 upgrading, demotion, transfer, recruitment, recruitment 11 advertising, selection for training and rates of pay or other 12 forms of compensation.

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

14 (70 ILCS 3615/2.18a) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.18a)

Sec. 2.18a. (a) The provisions of this Section apply to collective bargaining agreements (including extensions and amendments to existing agreements) between Service Boards or transportation agencies subject to the jurisdiction of Service Boards and their employees, which are entered into after January 1, 1984.

(b) The Authority shall approve amended budgets prepared by Service Boards which incorporate the costs of collective bargaining agreements between Service Boards and their employees. The Authority shall approve such an amended budget provided that it determines, by the affirmative vote of 12 of 1 its then members, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 2 affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then members, beginning 3 February 1, 2026, that the amended budget meets the standards 4 established in Section 4.11. 5 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/2.30)

7 Sec. 2.30. Paratransit services.

8 (a) For purposes of this Act, "ADA paratransit services" 9 shall mean those comparable or specialized transportation 10 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service 11 contracts of, the Service Boards to individuals with 12 disabilities who are unable to use fixed route transportation 13 systems and who are determined to be eligible, for some or all 14 of their trips, for such services under the Americans with 15 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.

16 (b) Beginning July 1, 2005, the Authority is responsible for the funding, from amounts on deposit in the ADA 17 Paratransit Fund established under Section 2.01d of this Act, 18 financial review and oversight of all ADA paratransit services 19 that are provided by the Authority or by any of the Service 20 21 Boards. The Suburban Bus Board shall operate or provide for 22 the operation of all ADA paratransit services by no later than 23 July 1, 2006, except that this date may be extended to the 24 extent necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit 25 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection

1 (c).

(c) No later than January 1, 2006, the Authority, in 2 collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and the Chicago 3 Transit Authority, shall develop a plan for the provision of 4 5 ADA paratransit services and submit such plan to the Federal Transit Administration for approval. Approval of such plan by 6 7 the Authority shall require the affirmative votes of 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and the affirmative 8 9 votes of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 10 1, 2026. The Suburban Bus Board, the Chicago Transit Authority 11 and the Authority shall comply with the requirements of the 12 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations in developing and approving such plan including, 13 limitation, consulting 14 without with individuals with 15 disabilities and groups representing them in the community, 16 and providing adequate opportunity for public comment and 17 public hearings. The plan shall include the contents required for a paratransit plan pursuant to the Americans with 18 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations. The 19 plan shall also include, without limitation, provisions to: 20

(1) maintain, at a minimum, the levels of ADA
paratransit service that are required to be provided by
the Service Boards pursuant to the Americans with
Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations;

(2) transfer the appropriate ADA paratransit services,
 management, personnel, service contracts and assets from

1 the Chicago Transit Authority to the Authority or the 2 Suburban Bus Board, as necessary, by no later than July 1, 3 2006, except that this date may be extended to the extent 4 necessary to obtain approval from the Federal Transit 5 Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to this 6 subsection (c);

7 (3) provide for consistent policies throughout the metropolitan region for scheduling of ADA paratransit 8 9 service trips to and from destinations, with consideration 10 of scheduling of return trips on a "will-call" open-ended 11 basis upon request of the rider, if practicable, and with 12 consideration of an increased number of trips available by subscription service than are available 13 as of the 14 effective date of this amendatory Act;

(4) provide that service contracts and rates, entered
into or set after the approval by the Federal Transit
Administration of the plan prepared pursuant to subsection
(c) of this Section, with private carriers and taxicabs
for ADA paratransit service are procured by means of an
open procurement process;

(5) provide for fares, fare collection and billing procedures for ADA paratransit services throughout the metropolitan region;

(6) provide for performance standards for all ADA
 paratransit service transportation carriers, with
 consideration of door-to-door service;

1 (7) provide, in cooperation with the Illinois Department of Transportation, the Illinois Department of 2 3 Public Aid and other appropriate public agencies and private entities, for the application and receipt of 4 5 grants, including, without limitation, reimbursement from 6 Medicaid or other programs for ADA paratransit services;

7 provide for a system of dispatch of (8) ADA 8 paratransit services transportation carriers throughout 9 metropolitan region, with consideration the of 10 county-based dispatch systems already in place as of the 11 effective date of this amendatory Act;

12 (9) provide for a process of determining eligibility 13 for ADA paratransit services that complies with the 14 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its 15 implementing regulations;

(10) provide for consideration of innovative methods
 to provide and fund ADA paratransit services; and

(11) provide for the creation of one or more ADA 18 19 advisory boards, or the reconstitution of the existing ADA 20 advisory boards for the Service Boards, to represent the with disabilities 21 diversity of individuals in the 22 metropolitan region and to provide appropriate ongoing 23 from individuals with disabilities input into the 24 operation of ADA paratransit services.

25 (d) All revisions and annual updates to the ADA
 26 paratransit services plan developed pursuant to subsection (c)

of this Section, or certifications of continued compliance in 1 2 lieu of plan updates, that are required to be provided to the 3 Federal Transit Administration shall be developed by the Authority, in collaboration with the Suburban Bus Board and 4 5 the Chicago Transit Authority, and the Authority shall submit such revision, update or certification to the Federal Transit 6 7 Administration for approval. Approval of such revisions, 8 updates or certifications by the Authority shall require the 9 affirmative votes of 12 of the then Directors, prior to 10 February 1, 2026, and the affirmative votes of at least 14 of the then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026. 11

12 (e) The Illinois Department of Transportation, the 13 Illinois Department of Public Aid, the Authority, the Suburban 14 Bus Board and the Chicago Transit Authority shall enter into 15 intergovernmental agreements as may be necessary to provide 16 funding and accountability for, and implementation of, the 17 requirements of this Section.

(f) By no later than April 1, 2007, the Authority shall 18 develop and submit to the General Assembly and the Governor a 19 20 funding plan for ADA paratransit services. Approval of such 21 plan by the Authority shall require the affirmative votes of 22 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 23 affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026. The funding plan shall, at a 24 25 minimum, contain an analysis of the current costs of providing 26 ADA paratransit services, projections of the long-term costs

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of providing ADA paratransit services, identification of and 1 2 recommendations for possible cost efficiencies in providing paratransit services, and 3 ADA identification of and recommendations for possible funding sources for providing ADA 4 services. 5 paratransit The Illinois Department of 6 Transportation, the Illinois Department of Public Aid, the 7 Suburban Bus Board, the Chicago Transit Authority and other 8 State and local public agencies as appropriate shall cooperate 9 with the Authority in the preparation of such funding plan.

10 (g) Any funds derived from the federal Medicaid program 11 for reimbursement of the costs of providing ADA paratransit 12 services within the metropolitan region shall be directed to 13 the Authority and shall be used to pay for or reimburse the 14 costs of providing such services.

(h) Nothing in this amendatory Act shall be construed to
conflict with the requirements of the Americans with
Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations.
(Source: P.A. 94-370, eff. 7-29-05; 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

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(70 ILCS 3615/2.43 new)

Sec. 2.43. Comprehensive metropolitan region transit plan.
 (a) By July 1, 2027, the Authority shall complete a plan
 for the purpose of evaluating the metropolitan region's
 existing public transportation funding and policy processes
 and developing alternative solutions. The Authority shall
 evaluate and consider the following topics and produce a final

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report of the data, findings, and recommendations to the 1 2 General Assembly that: 3 (1) evaluates the existing governance of the metropolitan region's public transportation system, 4 5 including roles and responsibilities for each of the Service Boards, the Authority, and the State; 6 (2) evaluates functions performed by the Authority and 7 8 each of the Service Boards that may be considered for 9 consolidation to be performed under the Authority, 10 including, but not limited to, procurement and purchasing, 11 accounting, grant management, communications, labor 12 relations, and human resources; (3) evaluates existing planning processes, including 13 14 strategic plans, capital programming, and budgeting performed by the Authority and each Service Board and 15 considers the implementation of a streamlined planning 16 process under the Authority; 17 (4) evaluates existing funding formulas for each of 18 19 the Service Boards and the Authority and considers 20 alternate funding distribution processes to be managed by 21 the Authority; 22 (5) evaluates existing coordination processes used 23 between the Service Boards regarding service routes and 24 connection between different services and considers the development and implementation of a new, streamlined 25 26 approach to improve service connections;

| 1 | (6) evaluates existing last-mile service options |
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| 2 | through the service territory and considers the addition |
| 3 | of region-wide services; and |
| 4 | (7) outlines a feasible consolidation process for |
| 5 | functions evaluated in this Section. |
| 6 | (b) By April 1, 2026, the Authority shall enter into a |
| 7 | contract with a third party to assist the Authority in |
| 8 | producing a document that evaluates the topics described in |
| 9 | this Section and outlines formal recommendations that can be |
| 10 | acted upon by the General Assembly. The Authority shall |
| 11 | prepare a summary of its activities and produce a final report |
| 12 | of the data, findings, and recommendations for the General |
| 13 | Assembly by July 1, 2027. The final report shall include |
| 14 | specific, actionable recommendations for legislation and |
| 15 | organizational adjustments. |
| 16 | (c) Throughout the development of the study, the Authority |
| 17 | and the third party performing the study shall coordinate with |
| 18 | labor organizations whose members are employed by the |
| 19 | Authority or the Service Boards. The Authority and third party |
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| 20 | shall conduct, at a minimum, 2 meetings with these labor |
| 20 21 | shall conduct, at a minimum, 2 meetings with these labor organizations, with one occurring during the development and |
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| 21 | organizations, with one occurring during the development and |
| 21 22 | organizations, with one occurring during the development and fact-finding stage of the study and one occurring after the |
| 21 22 23 | organizations, with one occurring during the development and fact-finding stage of the study and one occurring after the completion of a draft but before the draft's consideration by |

1 <u>necessary to complete this plan. The Authority shall have</u>
2 <u>access to and the right to examine and copy all books,</u>
3 <u>documents, papers, record or other source data of a Service</u>
4 <u>Board relevant to any information submitted pursuant to this</u>
5 <u>Section.</u>

6 <u>(e) This plan shall maintain the 3 Service Boards and</u> 7 <u>separate Authority and in no way shall consider consolidation</u> 8 <u>into one public transportation organization.</u>

9 <u>(f) The Authority shall provide regular reports to the</u> 10 <u>Governor and General Assembly on progress made in implementing</u> 11 <u>the changes made by this amendatory Act of the 104th General</u> 12 <u>Assembly under this Section as outlined under Section 2.44.</u>

13 (70 ILCS 3615/2.44 new) 14 Sec. 2.44. Authority and Service Board accountability. 15 (a) To ensure the changes made by this amendatory Act of 16 the 104th General Assembly are actively pursued and implemented in a timely manner, the following accountability 17 18 measures shall apply to the Authority and Service Boards: (1) In fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year 19 20 thereafter, the Authority shall submit 2 reports to the 21 Governor and General Assembly reporting progress made on 22 reforms adopted under Sections 2.04, 2.08, 2.08a, 2.43, 23 3A.10, 3B.10, 4.01, and 4.09 of this Act. The reports 24 shall be submitted by September 15 and March 15 of each 25 year, beginning on September 15, 2025.

| 1 | (2) The Service Boards shall work closely with the |
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| 2 | Authority and provide all relevant data and information |
| 3 | necessary to implement the changes made by this amendatory |
| 4 | Act of the 104th General Assembly. |
| 5 | (A) In fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year |
| 6 | thereafter, the Service Boards shall submit quarterly |
| 7 | reports to the Authority reporting or progress made |
| 8 | under Sections 2.04, 2.08, 2.08a, 2.43, 3A.10, 3B.10, |
| 9 | 4.01, and 4.09 of this Act. The reports shall be |
| 10 | submitted by January 31, April 30, July 31, and |
| 11 | October 31 of each year, beginning on October 31, |
| 12 | <u>2025.</u> |
| 13 | (B) If the Executive Director certifies that a |
| 14 | Service Board has not submitted data or documents as |
| 15 | requested by the Authority or has not been willing to |
| 16 | actively communicate and coordinate as requested by |
| 17 | the Authority concerning changes to Sections 2.04, |
| 18 | 2.08, 2.08a, 2.43, 2.44, 3A.10, 3B.10, 4.01, and 4.09 |
| 19 | of this Act by this amendatory Act of the 104th General |
| 20 | Assembly and if that certification is accepted by the |
| 21 | affirmative vote of at least 14 of the then Directors |
| 22 | of the Authority, then the Authority shall reduce the |
| 23 | distribution of funds for operating purposes to that |
| 24 | Service Board by 10% of the cash proceeds of taxes |
| 25 | imposed by the Authority under Section 4.03 and |
| 26 | Section 4.03.1 and 10% of the amounts transferred to |

| 1 | the Authority from the Public Transportation Fund |
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| 2 | under subsection (a) of Section 4.09. Such reduction |
| 3 | shall apply the first month following an affirmative |
| 4 | vote of the Directors. Such funding shall be released |
| 5 | to the Service Board only upon proof of cooperation by |
| 6 | the Service Boards, to be decided by the affirmative |
| 7 | vote of at least 14 of then Directors of the Authority. |

8 (70 ILCS 3615/3.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.01)

9 Sec. 3.01. Board of Directors. The corporate authorities 10 and governing body of the Authority shall be a Board 11 consisting of 13 Directors until April 1, 2008, and 16 12 Directors <u>until February 1, 2026, and 21 Directors</u> thereafter, 13 appointed as follows:

(a) Before February 1, 2026, 4 Four Directors appointed by 14 15 the Mayor of the City of Chicago, with the advice and consent 16 of the City Council of the City of Chicago, and, only until April 1, 2008, a fifth director who shall be the Chairman of 17 the Chicago Transit Authority. After April 1, 2008 and until 18 February 1, 2026, the Mayor of the City of Chicago, with the 19 20 advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Chicago, 21 shall appoint a fifth Director. After February 1, 2026, the 22 Mayor of the City of Chicago, with the advice and consent of 23 the City Council of the City of Chicago, shall appoint 5 24 Directors. The Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City of 25 Chicago shall not be the Chairman or a Director of the Chicago

Transit Authority. Each such Director shall reside in the City
 of Chicago.

(b) Before February 1, 2026, 4 Four Directors appointed by 3 the votes of a majority of the members of the Cook County Board 4 5 elected from districts, a majority of the electors of which reside outside Chicago. After April 1, 2008, a fifth Director 6 7 appointed by the President of the Cook County Board with the 8 advice and consent of the members of the Cook County Board. 9 After February 1, 2026, 5 Directors appointed by the President 10 of the Cook County Board with the advice and consent of the 11 members of the Cook County Board. At least 3 Directors Each 12 Director appointed under this subsection subparagraph shall reside in that part of Cook County outside Chicago. 13

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

17 (i) Two Directors appointed by the Chairmen of the county boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties, 18 with the concurrence of not less than a majority of the 19 20 from such counties, from nominees by the Chairmen Chairmen. Each such Chairman may nominate not more than 2 21 22 persons for each position. Each such Director shall reside 23 in a county in the metropolitan region other than Cook or 24 DuPage Counties.

(ii) One Director appointed by the Chairman of theDuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the

DuPage County Board. Such Director shall reside in DuPage
 County.

3 (d) After April 1, 2008 and continuing after February 1,
4 <u>2026</u>, 5 Directors appointed by the Chairmen of the County
5 Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake and McHenry Counties and the
6 County Executive of Will County, as follows:

7 (i) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the Kane
8 County Board with the advice and consent of the Kane
9 County Board. Such Director shall reside in Kane County.

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

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

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

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

(vi) (Blank). To implement the changes in appointing
 authority under this subparagraph (d) the three Directors
 appointed under subparagraph (c) and residing in Lake

| 1 | County, DuPage County, and Kane County respectively shall |
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| 2 | each continue to serve as Director until the expiration of |
| 3 | their respective term of office and until his or her |
| 4 | successor is appointed and qualified or a vacancy occurs |
| 5 | in the office. Thereupon, the appointment shall be made by |
| 6 | the officials given appointing authority with respect to |
| 7 | the Director whose term has expired or office has become |
| 8 | vacant. |
| 9 | (e) <u>Beginning February 1, 2026, 5 Directors appointed by</u> |
| 10 | the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Senate. One |
| 11 | Director shall represent organized labor, one Director shall |
| 12 | represent the business community of the Chicago region, and |
| 13 | one Director shall represent a public transportation advocacy |
| 14 | organization. The Directors shall be appointed by February 1, |
| 15 | 2026, and their terms shall begin at that time. |
| 16 | The Director representing organized labor shall reside |
| 17 | within the 6-county region of the Authority. The Director |
| 18 | shall be selected from a list of 3 persons recommended by the |
| 19 | president of a statewide labor organization representing labor |
| 20 | organizations recognized under the National Labor Relations |
| 21 | Act or the Railway Labor Act. If such a Director has not been |
| 22 | appointed within 60 days for the initial term, or appointed |
| 23 | within 60 days of the expiration of a term or a vacancy, then |
| 24 | the first person on the list provided to the Governor will |
| 25 | automatically assume such office. |
| 26 | (f) The Chairperson serving on the effective date of this |

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| 1 | amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall continue to |
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| 2 | serve as Chairperson until February 1, 2026 or until a |
| 3 | successor is appointed and qualified or a vacancy occurs in |
| 4 | the office. As soon as possible after the Board of Directors |
| 5 | convenes following the appointments on February 1, 2026, as |
| 6 | outlined in subsection (g) of this Section, a new Chairman |
| 7 | shall be appointed. The Chairperson shall be appointed by the |
| 8 | other Directors, by the affirmative vote of at least 13 of the |
| 9 | then Directors with at least 2 affirmative votes from |
| 10 | Directors who reside in the City of Chicago, at least 2 |
| 11 | affirmative votes from Directors who reside in Cook County |
| 12 | outside the City of Chicago, and at least 2 affirmative votes |
| 13 | from Directors who reside in DuPage County, Lake County, Will |
| 14 | County, Kane County, or McHenry County. The Chairperson shall |
| 15 | not be appointed from among the other Directors. The chairman |
| 16 | shall be a resident of the metropolitan region. |
| 17 | (q) A new Board of Directors shall be appointed as |
| 18 | directed under this Section to begin their terms of office on |
| 19 | February 1, 2026, and their appointments shall be made in time |
| 20 | to begin their terms on February 1, 2026. All Directors |
| 21 | serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the |

104th General Assembly shall retain their offices until

February 1, 2026. In the event of the expiration of a term of

office or a vacancy occurs prior to February 1, 2026, a new

Director shall be appointed as directed in statute. A Director

serving in this position on January 31, 2026 may be

1 reappointed.

| 2 | (1) Of the new Directors appointed under subsection |
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| 3 | (a) of this Section on February 1, 2026, the Mayor of |
| 4 | Chicago shall appoint 2 Directors with 4-year terms and 3 |
| 5 | Directors with 2-year terms. Subsequent terms of all |
| 6 | Directors shall be 4 years. |
| 7 | (2) Of the new Directors appointed under subsection |
| 8 | (b) of this Section on February 1, 2026, the President of |
| 9 | the Cook County Board shall appoint 3 Directors with |
| 10 | 4-year terms and 2 Directors with 2-year terms. Subsequent |
| 11 | terms of all Directors shall be 4 years. |
| 12 | (3) Of the new Directors appointed under subsection |
| 13 | (d) of this Section on February 1, 2026, the Chairmen of |
| 14 | the County Boards of DuPage, Kane, and Lake Counties shall |
| 15 | appoint Directors with 2-year terms. Of the new Directors |
| 16 | appointed under subsection (d) of this Section on February |
| 17 | 1, 2026, the Chairmen of the County Board of McHenry |
| 18 | County and the County Executive of Will County shall |
| 19 | appoint Directors with 4-year terms. Subsequent terms of |
| 20 | all Directors shall be 4 years. |
| 21 | (4) Of the new Directors appointed under subsection |
| 22 | (e) of this Section on February 1, 2026, the Governor |
| 23 | shall appoint 2 Directors with 4-year terms and one |
| 24 | Director with a 2-year term. Subsequent terms of all |
| 25 | Directors shall be 4 years. |
| 26 | (h) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant |

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| 1 | experience and expertise in overseeing the planning, |
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| 2 | operation, and funding of a public transportation system, |
| 3 | including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and |
| 4 | regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor |
| 5 | and workforce development, business management, public |
| 6 | administration, transportation, and transit and ridership |
| 7 | advocacy. The Chairman serving on the effective date of this |
| 8 | amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly shall continue to |
| 9 | serve as Chairman until the expiration of his or her term of |
| 10 | office and until his or her successor is appointed and |
| 11 | qualified or a vacancy occurs in the office. Upon the |
| 12 | expiration or vacancy of the term of the Chairman then serving |
| 13 | upon the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 95th |
| 14 | General Assembly, the Chairman shall be appointed by the other |
| 15 | Directors, by the affirmative vote of at least 11 of the then |
| 16 | Directors with at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who |
| 17 | reside in the City of Chicago, at least 2 affirmative votes |
| 18 | from Directors who reside in Cook County outside the City of |
| 19 | Chicago, and at least 2 affirmative votes from Directors who |
| 20 | reside in the Counties of DuPage, Lake, Will, Kane, or |
| 21 | McHenry. The chairman shall not be appointed from among the |
| 22 | other Directors. The chairman shall be a resident of the |
| 23 | metropolitan region. |
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24 (f) Except as otherwise provided by this Act no Director 25 shall, while serving as such, be an officer, a member of the 26 Board of Directors or Trustees or an employee of any Service Board or transportation agency, or be an employee of the State of Illinois or any department or agency thereof, or of any municipality, county, or any other unit of local government or receive any compensation from any elected or appointed office under the Constitution and laws of Illinois; except that a Director may be a member of a school board.

7 <u>(i)</u> (g) Each appointment made under this Section and under 8 Section 3.03 shall be certified by the appointing authority to 9 the Board, which shall maintain the certifications as part of 10 the official records of the Authority.

- 11 (h) (Blank).
- 12 (Source: P.A. 98-709, eff. 7-16-14.)
- 13 (70 ILCS 3615/3.03) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.03)

14 Sec. 3.03. Terms, vacancies. Prior to February 1, 2026, 15 each Each Director shall hold office for a term of 5 years, and 16 until his successor has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy shall occur upon resignation, death, conviction of a 17 felony, or removal from office of a Director. Any Director may 18 be removed from office (i) upon concurrence of not less than 11 19 Directors, on a formal finding of incompetence, neglect of 20 21 duty, or malfeasance in office or (ii) by the Governor in 22 response to a summary report received from the Executive Inspector General in accordance with Section 20-50 of the 23 24 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, provided he or she 25 has an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or by counsel

prior to removal. Within 30 days after the office of any member becomes vacant for any reason, the appointing authorities of such member shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

5 Beginning February 1, 2026, each Director shall hold office for a term of 4 years and until the Director's successor 6 has been appointed and has qualified. A vacancy shall occur 7 upon resignation, death, conviction of a felony, or removal 8 9 from office of a Director. Any Director may be removed from 10 office (i) upon concurrence of at least 14 of the current 11 Directors, on a formal finding of incompetence, neglect of 12 duty, or malfeasance in office or (ii) by the Governor in 13 response to a summary report received from the Executive Inspector General in accordance with Section 20-50 of the 14 State Officials and Employees Ethics Act, provided the 15 16 Director has an opportunity to be publicly heard in person or 17 by counsel before removal. Within 30 days after the office of any Director becomes vacant for any reason, the appointing 18 19 authorities of the Director shall make an appointment to fill 20 the vacancy. A vacancy shall be filled for the unexpired term.

21 Whenever a vacancy for a Director, except as to the 22 Chairman or those Directors appointed by the Mayor of the City 23 of Chicago, exists for longer than 4 months, the new Director 24 shall be chosen by election by all legislative members in the 25 General Assembly representing the affected area. In order to 26 qualify as a voting legislative member in this matter, the 1 affected area must be more than 50% of the geographic area of 2 the legislative district.

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3 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08; 96-1528, eff. 7-1-11.)

4 (70 ILCS 3615/3.05) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703.05)

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5 Sec. 3.05. Meetings. The Board shall prescribe the times 6 and places for meetings and the manner in which special 7 meetings may be called. The Board shall comply in all respects 8 with the "Open Meetings Act", approved July 11, 1957, as now or 9 hereafter amended. All records, documents and papers of the 10 Authority, other than those relating to matters concerning 11 which closed sessions of the Board may be held, shall be 12 available for public examination, subject to such reasonable 13 regulations as the Board may adopt.

14 А majority of the Directors holding office shall 15 constitute a quorum for the conduct of business. Except as 16 otherwise provided in this Act, the affirmative votes of at least 9 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 17 18 affirmative vote of at least 11 Directors, beginning February 19 1, 2026, shall be necessary for approving any contract or 20 agreement, adopting any rule or regulation, and any other 21 action required by this Act to be taken by resolution or 22 ordinance.

23 The Board shall meet with the Regional Citizens Advisory 24 Board at least once every 4 months.

25 Open meetings of the Board shall be broadcast to the

public and maintained in real-time on the Board's website 1 2 using a high-speed Internet connection. Recordings of each 3 meeting broadcast shall be posted to the Board's website within a reasonable time after the meeting and shall be 4 5 maintained as public records to the extent practicable, as determined by the Board. Compliance with the provisions of 6 7 this amendatory Act of the 98th General Assembly does not relieve the Board of its obligations under the Open Meetings 8 9 Act.

10 (Source: P.A. 98-1139, eff. 6-1-15.)

11 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.02)

12 Sec. 3A.02. Suburban Bus Board. <u>Beginning February 1,</u> 13 <u>2026, the</u> The governing body of the Suburban Bus Division 14 shall be a board consisting of <u>12</u> 13 directors appointed as 15 follows:

16 (a) Until February 1, 2026, 6 Six Directors appointed by the members of the Cook County Board elected from that 17 part of Cook County outside of Chicago, or in the event 18 such Board of Commissioners becomes elected from single 19 member districts, by those Commissioners elected from 20 21 districts, a majority of the residents of which reside 22 outside of Chicago from the chief executive officers of the municipalities, of that portion of Cook County outside 23 24 of Chicago. On and after February 1, 2026, a total of 6 Directors appointed by the President of the Cook County 25

| 1 | Board of Commissioners with the advice and consent of the |
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| 2 | members of the Cook County Board of Commissioners. The |
| 3 | members shall reside in the part of Cook County outside |
| 4 | the City of Chicago, except Provided however, that: |
| 5 | (1) One of the Directors shall be a representative |
| 6 | of organized labor. The Director shall reside within |
| 7 | the 6-county region of the Authority. The Director |
| 8 | shall be selected from a list of 3 persons recommended |
| 9 | by the president of a statewide labor organization |
| 10 | representing labor organizations recognized under the |
| 11 | National Labor Relations Act or the Railway Labor Act. |
| 12 | If the Director has not been appointed within 60 days |
| 13 | for the initial term, or appointed within 60 days of |
| 14 | the expiration of a term of office or a vacancy, the |
| 15 | first person on the list provided to the President of |
| 16 | Cook County shall automatically assume the office; |
| 17 | (2) One of the Directors shall be a representative |
| 18 | of a senior advocacy organization and shall reside |
| 19 | within Cook County; |
| 20 | (3) One of the Directors shall be a representative |
| 21 | of the disability rights community and shall reside in |
| 22 | the part of Cook County outside the City of Chicago; |
| 23 | and |
| 24 | (4) Three of the Directors shall be at-large |
| 25 | Directors and shall reside in the part of Cook County |
| 26 | outside of the City of Chicago; |
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| 1 | (i) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
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| 2 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 3 | the Northwest Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 4 | (ii) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
| 5 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 6 | the North Central Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 7 | (iii) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
| 8 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 9 | the North Shore Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 10 | (iv) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
| 11 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 12 | the Central Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 13 | (v) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
| 14 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 15 | the Southwest Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 16 | (vi) One of the Directors shall be the chief |
| 17 | executive officer of a municipality within the area of |
| 18 | the South Region defined in Section 3A.13; |
| 19 | (b) One Director by the Chairman of the Kane County |
| 20 | Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a |
| 21 | municipality within Kane County; |
| 22 | (c) One Director by the Chairman of the Lake County |
| 23 | Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a |
| 24 | municipality within Lake County; |
| 25 | (d) One Director by the Chairman of the DuPage County |
| 26 | Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a |

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municipality within DuPage County;

2 (e) One Director by the Chairman of the McHenry County
3 Board who shall be a chief executive officer of a
4 municipality within McHenry County;

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

8 (g) The Commissioner of the Mayor's Office for People 9 with Disabilities, from the City of Chicago, who shall 10 serve as an ex officio member; and

11 (h) The Chairperson serving on the effective date of 12 this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall 13 continue to serve as Chairperson until February 1, 2026 or 14 until a successor is appointed and qualified or until a vacancy occurs in the office. As soon as possible after 15 16 the Suburban Bus Board convenes following the appointments 17 on February 1, 2026 as outlined in subsections (i) and (j) of this Section, a new Chairperson shall be appointed. The 18 19 Chairperson shall be appointed from among the other 20 Directors by the affirmative vote of at least 8 of the then 21 Directors Chairman by the Governor for the initial term, 22 and thereafter by a majority of the Chairmen of the 23 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will County Boards and the 24 members of the Cook County Board elected from that part of 25 Cook County outside of Chicago, or in the event such Board 26 of Commissioners is elected from single member districts,

by those Commissioners elected from districts, a majority 1 2 the electors of which reside outside of Chicago; and of who after the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 3 4 95th General Assembly may not be a resident of the City of 5 Chicago. (i) To implement the changes in appointing authority under 6 subsection (a) of this Section all existing Directors serving 7 on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th 8 9 General Assembly shall retain their offices until the expiration or vacancy of their respective terms of office or 10 until February 1, 2026, whichever occurs first. In the event 11 12 of the expiration of the term of office or a vacancy of these offices occurs before February 1, 2026, a new Director shall 13 14 be appointed as directed in statute. New Directors shall be appointed in accordance with subsection (a) of this Section 15 16 will begin their terms of office on February 1, 2026 and the 17 appointment shall be made in due time to begin their terms at this time. Of the Directors to be appointed on February 1, 18 2026, the President of the Cook County Board shall appoint 3 19 20 Directors with a 4-year term and 3 Directors with a 2-year term. Subsequent terms of all Directors shall be 4-years. A 21 22 Director serving in this position on January 31, 2026 may be 23 reappointed if so chosen. 24 (j) All existing Directors appointed under subsections 25 (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Section serving on the

26 effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General

| 1 | Assembly will retain their offices until the expiration or |
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| 2 | vacancy of their respective term of office or until February |
| 3 | 1, 2026, whichever occurs first. In the event of the |
| 4 | expiration of the term or a vacancy of these offices occurs |
| 5 | prior to February 1, 2026, a new Director shall be appointed as |
| 6 | directed in statute. New Directors shall be appointed in |
| 7 | accordance with subsections (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of |
| 8 | this Section to begin their terms on February 1, 2026 and the |
| 9 | appointment shall be made in time to begin their terms on |
| 10 | February 1, 2026. Of the new Directors appointed under |
| 11 | paragraphs (b), (c), (d), (e), and (f) of this Section on |
| 12 | February 1, 2026, the Chairmen of the County Boards of DuPage, |
| 13 | Kane, and Lake Counties will appoint Directors with 4-year |
| 14 | terms. Of the new Directors appointed under subsection (d) of |
| 15 | this Section on February 1, 2026, the Chairmen of the County |
| 16 | Board of McHenry County and the County Executive of Will |
| 17 | County will appoint Directors with 2-year terms. Subsequent |
| 18 | terms of all Directors will be 4 years. A Director serving in |
| 19 | this position on January 31, 2026 may be reappointed if so |
| 20 | chosen. |
| 21 | (k) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant |
| 22 | experience and expertise in overseeing the planning, |
| 23 | operation, and funding of a public transportation system, |
| 24 | including, but not limited to, backgrounds in urban and |
| 25 | regional planning, management of large capital projects, labor |
| 26 | and workforce development, business management, public |

1 <u>administration</u>, transportation, and transit and ridership 2 advocacy.

(1) Each appointment made under subsections paragraphs (a) 3 through (q) and under Section 3A.03 shall be certified by the 4 5 appointing authority to the Suburban Bus Board which shall maintain the certifications as part of the official records of 6 7 the Suburban Bus Board; provided that the initial appointments 8 shall be certified to the Secretary of State, who shall 9 transmit the certifications to the Suburban Bus Board 10 following its organization.

For the purposes of this Section, "chief executive officer of a municipality" includes a former chief executive officer of a municipality within the specified Region or County, provided that the former officer continues to reside within such Region or County.

16 (Source: P.A. 95-906, eff. 8-26-08.)

17 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.09)

Sec. 3A.09. General powers. In addition to any powers elsewhere provided to the Suburban Bus Board, it shall have all of the powers specified in Section 2.20 of this Act except for the powers specified in Section 2.20(a)(v). The Board shall also have the power:

(a) to cooperate with the Regional Transportation
Authority in the exercise by the Regional Transportation
Authority of all the powers granted it by such Act;

1 (b) to receive funds from the Regional Transportation 2 Authority pursuant to Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09 and 3 4.10 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act, all as 4 provided in the Regional Transportation Authority Act;

5 (c) to receive financial grants from the Regional 6 Transportation Authority or a Service Board, as defined in 7 the Regional Transportation Authority Act, upon such terms and conditions as shall be set forth in a grant contract 8 9 between either the Division and the Regional Transportation Authority or the Division and another 10 11 Service Board, which contract or agreement may be for such 12 number of years or duration as the parties agree, all as provided in the Regional Transportation Authority Act; 13

14 (d) to perform all functions necessary for the 15 provision of paratransit services under Section 2.30 of 16 this Act;

17 (e) to borrow money for the purposes of: (i) 18 constructing a new garage in the northwestern Cook County 19 suburbs, (ii) converting the South Cook garage in Markham 20 to a Compressed Natural Gas facility, (iii) constructing a 21 new paratransit garage in DuPage County, (iv) expanding 22 North Shore garage in Evanston to accommodate the 23 additional indoor bus parking, and (v) purchasing new 24 transit buses. For the purpose of evidencing the 25 obligation of the Suburban Bus Board to repay any money 26 borrowed as provided in this subsection, the Suburban Bus

1 Board may issue revenue bonds from time to time pursuant 2 to ordinance adopted by the Suburban Bus Board, subject to 3 the approval of the Regional Transportation Authority of each such issuance by the affirmative vote of 12 of its 4 5 then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 6 affirmative vote of at least 14 members, beginning 7 February 1, 2026; provided that the Suburban Bus Board may issue bonds for the purpose of financing the 8 not 9 acquisition, construction, or improvement of any facility 10 other than those listed in this subsection (e). All such 11 bonds shall be payable solely from the revenues or income any other funds that the Suburban Bus Board may 12 or 13 receive, provided that the Suburban Bus Board may not 14 pledge as security for such bonds the moneys, if any, that 15 the Suburban Bus Board receives from the Regional 16 Transportation Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.3(f) of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. The bonds shall 17 bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum rate 18 authorized by the Bond Authorization Act and shall mature 19 20 at such time or times not exceeding 25 years from their 21 respective dates. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph 22 must be issued with scheduled principal or mandatory 23 redemption payments in equal amounts in each fiscal year 24 over the term of the bonds, with the first principal or 25 mandatory redemption payment scheduled within the fiscal 26 year in which bonds are issued or within the next

succeeding fiscal year. At least 25%, based on total 1 principal amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this 2 3 Section shall be sold pursuant to notice of sale and public bid. No more than 75%, based on total principal 4 5 amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this Section 6 shall be sold by negotiated sale. The maximum principal 7 amount of the bonds that may be issued may not exceed 8 \$100,000,000. The bonds shall have all the qualities of 9 negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. To 10 secure the payment of any or all of such bonds and for the 11 purpose of setting forth the covenants and undertakings of 12 the Suburban Bus Board in connection with the issuance thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds payable 13 14 from such revenue or income as well as the use and 15 application of the revenue or income received by the 16 Suburban Bus Board, the Suburban Bus Board may execute and 17 deliver a trust agreement or agreements; provided that no lien upon any physical property of the Suburban Bus Board 18 19 shall be created thereby. A remedy for any breach or 20 default of the terms of any such trust agreement by the 21 Suburban Bus Board may be by mandamus proceedings in any 22 court of competent jurisdiction to compel performance and 23 compliance therewith, but the trust agreement mav 24 prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action may be 25 instituted. Under no circumstances shall any bonds issued 26 by the Suburban Bus Board or any other obligation of the

Suburban Bus Board in connection with the issuance of such 1 bonds be or become an indebtedness or obligation of the 2 3 State of Illinois, the Regional Transportation Authority, or any other political subdivision of or municipality 4 5 within the State, nor shall any such bonds or obligations be or become an indebtedness of the Suburban Bus Board 6 within the purview of any constitutional limitation or 7 provision, and it shall be plainly stated on the face of 8 9 each bond that it does not constitute such an indebtedness 10 or obligation but is payable solely from the revenues or income as aforesaid; and 11

12 to adopt ordinances and make all rules and (f) 13 regulations proper or necessary to regulate the use, 14 operation, and maintenance of its property and facilities 15 and to carry into effect the powers granted to the 16 Suburban Bus Board, with any necessary fines or penalties, 17 suspension of riding privileges such as the or confiscation of fare media under Section 2.40, as the 18 19 Board deems proper.

20 (Source: P.A. 103-281, eff. 1-1-24.)

(70 ILCS 3615/3A.10) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.10)
Sec. 3A.10. Budget and Program. The Suburban Bus Board,
subject to the powers of the Authority in Section 4.11, shall
control the finances of the Division. It shall by ordinance
appropriate money to perform the Division's purposes and

provide for payment of debts and expenses of the Division. 1 2 Each year the Suburban Bus Board shall prepare and publish a 3 comprehensive annual budget and proposed five-year capital program document, and a financial plan for the 2 years 4 5 thereafter describing the state of the Division and presenting for the forthcoming fiscal year and the 2 following years the 6 7 Suburban Bus Board's plans for such operations and capital 8 expenditures as it intends to undertake and the means by which 9 it intends to finance them. The proposed budget, financial 10 plan, and five-year capital program shall be based on the 11 Authority's estimate of funds to be made available to the 12 Suburban Bus Board by or through the Authority and shall 13 conform in all respects to the requirements established by the 14 Authority. The proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year 15 capital program shall contain a statement of the funds 16 estimated to be on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, 17 the funds estimated to be received from all sources for such year and the funds estimated to be on hand at the end of such 18 19 year. The fiscal year of the Division shall be the same as the 20 fiscal year of the Authority. Before the proposed budget, 21 financial plan, and five-year capital program are submitted to 22 the Authority, the Suburban Bus Board shall hold at least one 23 public hearing thereon in each of the counties in the metropolitan region in which the Division provides service. 24 25 The Suburban Bus Board shall hold at least one meeting for 26 consideration of the proposed budget, financial plan, and

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five-year capital program with the county board of each of the 1 2 several counties in the metropolitan region in which the 3 Division provides service. Prior to the capital program being submitted to the Authority, the Suburban Bus Board shall hold 4 5 at least one meeting for consideration of the proposed 5-year capital program with representatives of labor organizations 6 7 that have a collective bargaining agreement with the Suburban 8 Bus Board. After conducting such hearings and holding such 9 meetings and after making such changes in the proposed budget, 10 financial plan, and five-year capital program as the Suburban 11 Bus Board deems appropriate, it shall adopt an annual budget 12 ordinance at least by November 15 next preceding the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget, financial plan, and five-year 13 capital program shall then be submitted to the Authority as 14 provided in Section 4.11. In the event that the Board of the 15 16 Authority determines that the budget and financial plan do not 17 meet the standards of Section 4.11, the Suburban Bus Board shall make such changes as are necessary to meet such 18 19 requirements and adopt an amended budget ordinance. The 20 amended budget ordinance shall be resubmitted to the Authority pursuant to Section 4.11. The ordinance shall appropriate such 21 22 sums of money as are deemed necessary to defray all necessary 23 expenses and obligations of the Division, specifying purposes 24 and the objects or programs for which appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or program. 25 Additional appropriations, transfers between items and other 26

1 changes in such ordinance which do not alter the basis upon 2 which the balanced budget determination was made by the Board 3 of the Authority may be made from time to time by the Suburban 4 Bus Board.

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The budget shall:

6 (i) show a balance between (A) anticipated revenues 7 from all sources including operating subsidies and (B) the 8 costs of providing the services specified and of funding 9 any operating deficits or encumbrances incurred in prior 10 periods, including provision for payment when due of 11 principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness;

12 (ii) show cash balances including the proceeds of any 13 anticipated cash flow borrowing sufficient to pay with 14 reasonable promptness all costs and expenses as incurred;

15 (iii) provide for a level of fares or charges and 16 operating or administrative costs for the public 17 transportation provided by or subject to the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board sufficient to allow the Suburban 18 19 Bus Board to meet its required system generated revenues 20 recovery ratio and, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, 21 its system generated ADA paratransit services revenue 22 recovery ratio;

(iv) be based upon and employ assumptions and
 projections which are reasonable and prudent;

(v) have been prepared in accordance with sound
 financial practices as determined by the Board of the

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1 Authority;

(vi) meet such other uniform financial, budgetary, or
fiscal requirements that the Board of the Authority may by
rule or regulation establish; and

5 (vii) be consistent with the goals and objectives 6 adopted by the Regional Transportation Authority in the 7 Strategic Plan.

8 (Source: P.A. 94-370, eff. 7-29-05; 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

9 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.14) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703A.14)
10 Sec. 3A.14. Labor.

(a) The provisions of this Section apply to collective
 bargaining agreements (including extensions and amendments of
 existing agreements) entered into on or after January 1, 1984.

14 (b) The Suburban Bus Board shall deal with and enter into 15 written contracts with their employees, through accredited 16 representatives of such employees authorized to act for such concerning wages, salaries, 17 employees hours, workina conditions, and pension or retirement provisions about which a 18 19 collective bargaining agreement has been entered prior to the 20 effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983. Any such 21 agreement of the Suburban Bus Board shall provide that the 22 agreement may be reopened if the amended budget submitted pursuant to Section 2.18a of this Act is not approved by the 23 Board of the Authority. The agreement may not include a 24 25 provision requiring the payment of wage increases based on

changes in the Consumer Price Index. The Suburban Bus Board 1 2 shall not have the authority to enter collective bargaining 3 agreements with respect to inherent management rights, which include such areas of discretion or policy as the functions of 4 5 the employer, standards of services, its overall budget, the 6 organizational structure and selection of new employees and 7 direction of personnel. Employers, however, shall be required 8 to bargain collectively with regard to policy matters directly 9 affecting wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment, 10 as well as the impact thereon, upon request by employee 11 representatives. To preserve the rights of employers and 12 exclusive representatives which have established collective 13 bargaining relationships or negotiated collective bargaining agreements prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act 14 15 of 1983, employers shall be required to bargain collectively 16 with regard to any matter concerning wages, hours or 17 conditions of employment about which they have bargained prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983. 18

19 (c) The collective bargaining agreement may not include a 20 prohibition on the use of part-time operators on any service 21 operated by the Suburban Bus Board except where prohibited by 22 federal law.

(d) Within 30 days of the signing of any such collective bargaining agreement, the Suburban Bus Board shall determine the costs of each provision of the agreement, prepare an amended budget incorporating the costs of the agreement, and

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present the amended budget to the Board of the Authority for 1 2 its approval under Section 4.11. The Board may approve the 3 amended budget by an affirmative vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative 4 5 vote of at least 14 members, beginning February 1, 2026. If the budget is not approved by the Board of the Authority, the 6 7 agreement may be reopened and its terms may be renegotiated. 8 budget which may be prepared Any amended following 9 renegotiation shall be presented to the Board of the Authority 10 for its approval in like manner.

11 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

12 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.02) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.02)

13 Sec. 3B.02. Commuter Rail Board.

14 (a) Until April 1, 2008, the governing body of the 15 Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting of 7 16 directors appointed pursuant to Sections 3B.03 and 3B.04, as 17 follows:

18 (1) One director shall be appointed by the Chairman of
19 the Board of DuPage County with the advice and consent of
20 the County Board of DuPage County and shall reside in
21 DuPage County.

(2) Two directors appointed by the Chairmen of the
County Boards of Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will Counties
with the concurrence of not less than a majority of the
chairmen from such counties, from nominees by the

1 Chairmen. Each such chairman may nominate not more than 2 two persons for each position. Each such director shall 3 reside in a county in the metropolitan region other than 4 Cook or DuPage County.

(3) Three directors appointed by the members of the 5 6 Cook County Board elected from that part of Cook County 7 outside of Chicago, or, in the event such Board of 8 Commissioners becomes elected from single member 9 districts, by those Commissioners elected from districts, 10 a majority of the residents of which reside outside 11 Chicago. In either case, such appointment shall be with 12 the concurrence of four such Commissioners. Each such director shall reside in that part of Cook County outside 13 14 Chicago.

15 (4) One director appointed by the Mayor of the City of
16 Chicago, with the advice and consent of the City Council
17 of the City of Chicago. Such director shall reside in the
18 City of Chicago.

19 (5) The chairman shall be appointed by the directors,
20 from the members of the board, with the concurrence of 5 of
21 such directors.

(b) After April 1, 2008 <u>and before February 1, 2026</u>, the governing body of the Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting of 11 directors appointed, pursuant to Sections 3B.03 and 3B.04, as follows:

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(1) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of

the DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the 1 2 DuPage County Board and shall reside in DuPage County. To 3 implement the changes in appointing authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the term of or vacancy in 4 5 office of the Director appointed under item (1) of of this Section who resides in DuPage 6 subsection (a) 7 County, a Director shall be appointed under this 8 subparagraph.

9 (2) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of 10 the McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of 11 the McHenry County Board and shall reside in McHenry 12 County. To implement the change in appointing authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the term of or 13 14 vacancy in office of the Director appointed under item (2) 15 of subsection (a) of this Section who resides in McHenry 16 County, а Director shall be appointed under this 17 subparagraph.

(3) One Director shall be appointed by the Will County 18 Executive with the advice and consent of the Will County 19 20 Board and shall reside in Will County. To implement the 21 change in appointing authority under this Section, upon 22 the expiration of the term of or vacancy in office of the 23 Director appointed under item (2) of subsection (a) of 24 this Section who resides in Will County, a Director shall 25 be appointed under this subparagraph.

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(4) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of

1 2 the Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the Lake County Board and shall reside in Lake County.

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(5) One Director shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Kane County Board with the advice and consent of the Kane County Board and shall reside in Kane County.

6 (6) One Director shall be appointed by the Mayor of 7 the City of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City Council of the City of Chicago and shall reside in the City 8 9 of Chicago. To implement the changes in appointing 10 authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the 11 term of or vacancy in office of the Director appointed 12 under item (4) of subsection (a) of this Section who 13 resides in the City of Chicago, a Director shall be 14 appointed under this subparagraph.

15 (7) Five Directors residing in Cook County outside of16 the City of Chicago, as follows:

17 (i) One Director who resides in Cook County
18 outside of the City of Chicago, appointed by the
19 President of the Cook County Board with the advice and
20 consent of the members of the Cook County Board.

(ii) One Director who resides in the township of
Barrington, Palatine, Wheeling, Hanover, Schaumburg,
or Elk Grove. To implement the changes in appointing
authority under this Section, upon the expiration of
the term of or vacancy in office of the Director
appointed under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of

this Section who resides in the geographic area
 described in this subparagraph, a Director shall be
 appointed under this subparagraph.

4 (iii) One Director who resides in the township of
5 Northfield, New Trier, Maine, Niles, Evanston, Leyden,
6 Norwood Park, River Forest, or Oak Park.

7 (iv) One Director who resides in the township of Proviso, Riverside, Berwyn, Cicero, Lyons, Stickney, 8 9 Lemont, Palos, or Orland. To implement the changes in 10 appointing authority under this Section, upon the 11 expiration of the term of or vacancy in office of the 12 Director appointed under paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Section who resides in the geographic area 13 14 described in this subparagraph and whose term of 15 office had not expired as of August 1, 2007, a Director 16 shall be appointed under this subparagraph.

17 (v) One Director who resides in the township of Worth, Calumet, Bremen, Thornton, Rich, or Bloom. To 18 19 implement the changes in appointing authority under 20 this Section, upon the expiration of the term of or vacancy in office of the Director appointed under 21 22 paragraph (3) of subsection (a) of this Section who 23 resides in the geographic area described in this 24 subparagraph and whose term of office had expired as 25 of August 1, 2007, a Director shall be appointed under 26 this subparagraph.

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(vi) The Directors identified under the provisions 1 2 of subparagraphs (ii) through (v) of this paragraph 3 (7) shall be appointed by the members of the Cook County Board. Each individual Director shall be 4 5 appointed by those members of the Cook County Board whose Board districts overlap in whole or in part with 6 7 the geographic territory described in the relevant subparagraph. The vote of County Board members 8 9 eligible to appoint directors under the provisions of 10 subparagraphs (ii) through (v) of this paragraph (7) 11 shall be weighted by the number of electors residing 12 in those portions of their Board districts within the 13 geographic territory described in the relevant 14 subparagraph (ii) through (v) of this paragraph (7).

15 (8) The Chairman shall be appointed by the Directors, 16 from the members of the Board, with the concurrence of 8 of 17 such Directors. To implement the changes in appointing 18 authority under this Section, upon the expiration of the 19 term of or vacancy in office of the Chairman appointed 20 under item (5) of subsection (a) of this Section, a 21 Chairman shall be appointed under this subparagraph.

(c) On and after February 1, 2026 the governing body of the Commuter Rail Division shall be a board consisting of 11 Directors appointed under Sections 3B.03 and 3B.04 as follows: (1) One Director shall be appointed by the Mayor of the City of Chicago with the advice and consent of the City

| 1 | Council of the City of Chicago for an initial term of 4 |
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| 2 | years. Subsequent terms shall be 4 years. The Director |
| 3 | appointed under this paragraph (1) shall reside within the |
| 4 | City of Chicago. |
| 5 | (2) Five Directors shall be appointed by the President |
| 6 | of the Cook County Board of Commissioners with the advice |
| 7 | and consent of the members of the Cook County Board of |
| 8 | Commissioners. Of these 5 Directors, 3 shall have an |
| 9 | initial term of 2 years, and 2 shall have an initial term |
| 10 | of 4 years. Subsequent terms of all members shall be 4 |
| 11 | years. The Directors appointed under this paragraph (2) |
| 12 | shall reside in the part of Cook County outside the City of |
| 13 | Chicago. |
| 14 | (3) One of the Directors appointed by the President of |
| 15 | the Cook County Board of Commissioners shall be a |
| 16 | representative of organized labor. The Director appointed |
| 17 | under this paragraph (3) shall reside within the 6-county |
| 18 | region of the Authority and shall be selected from a list |
| 19 | of 3 persons recommended by the president of a statewide |
| 20 | labor organization representing labor organizations |
| 21 | recognized under the National Labor Relations Act or the |
| 22 | Railway Labor Act. If the Director has not been appointed |

within 60 days for the initial term, or appointed within

60 days of the expiration of a term or a vacancy, the first

person on the list provided to the President of the Cook

County Board shall automatically assume the office.

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| 1 | (4) Five Director's appointed by the Chairmen of the |
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| 2 | County Boards of DuPage, Kane, Lake, and McHenry counties |
| 3 | and the County Executive of Will County as follows: |
| 4 | (A) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the |
| 5 | DuPage County Board with the advice and consent of the |
| 6 | DuPage County Board for an initial term of 4 years. |
| 7 | Subsequent terms of the Director shall be 4 years to |
| 8 | begin February 1, 2026. The appointment shall be made |
| 9 | in time to begin the Director's term at this time. The |
| 10 | Director appointed under this subparagraph (A) shall |
| 11 | reside in DuPage County. |
| 12 | (B) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the |
| 13 | Kane County Board with the advice and consent of the |
| 14 | Kane County Board for an initial term to begin |
| 15 | February 1, 2026. Subsequent terms of the Director |
| 16 | shall be 4 years. The appointment shall be made in time |
| 17 | to begin the Director's term on February 1, 2026. The |
| 18 | Director appointed under this subparagraph (B) shall |
| 19 | reside in Kane County. |
| 20 | (C) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the |
| 21 | Lake County Board with the advice and consent of the |
| 22 | Lake County Board for an initial term of 4 years to |
| 23 | begin February 1, 2026. Subsequent terms of the |
| 24 | Director shall be 4 years. The appointment shall be |
| 25 | made in time to begin the Director's term at this time. |
| 26 | The Director appointed under this subparagraph (C) |

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shall reside in Lake County.

(D) One Director appointed by the Chairman of the 2 3 McHenry County Board with the advice and consent of 4 the McHenry County Board for an initial term of 2 years 5 to begin February 1, 2026. Subsequent terms of the Director shall be 4 years. The appointment shall be 6 7 made in time to begin the Director's term at this time. The Director appointed under this subparagraph (D) 8 shall reside in McHenry County. 9

10 (E) One Director appointed by the County Executive 11 of Will County with the advice and consent of the Will County Board for an initial term of 4 years to begin 12 February 1, 2026. Subsequent terms of the Director 13 14 shall be 4 years. The appointment shall be made in time 15 to begin the Director's term at this time. The 16 Director appointed under this subparagraph (E) shall 17 reside in Will County.

18 (8) The Chairman serving on the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General Assembly shall 19 20 continue to serve as Chairman until February 1, 2026 or 21 until a successor is appointed and qualified or a vacancy 22 occurs in the office. As soon as possible after the 23 Commuter Rail Board convenes following the appointments on 24 February 1, 2026 as outlined in subsection (c) of this 25 Section, a new Chairman shall be appointed. The Chairman 26 shall be appointed from among the other Directors by the

| 1 | affirmative vote of at least 7 of the then Directors. |
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| 2 | (d) A new Board of Directors shall be appointed as |
| 3 | directed under subsection (c) of this Section to begin their |
| 4 | terms on February 1, 2026. The appointments shall be made in |
| 5 | time to begin their terms at this time. All Directors |
| 6 | appointed under subsection (b) of this Section serving on the |
| 7 | effective date of this amendatory Act of the 104th General |
| 8 | Assembly shall retain their offices until February 1, 2026, or |
| 9 | until the expiration of or vacancy of their respective terms |
| 10 | of office. In the event of the expiration of the a term of |
| 11 | office or a vacancy in these offices occurs prior to February |
| 12 | 1, 2026, a new Director shall be appointed as provided by law. |
| 13 | A Director serving in this position on January 31, 2026 may be |
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| 14 | reappointed if so chosen. |
| 14 15 | <u>reappointed if so chosen.</u> (e) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant |
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| 15 16 | (e) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant experience and expertise in overseeing the planning, |
| 15 16 17 | (e) Directors shall have diverse and substantial relevant experience and expertise in overseeing the planning, operation, and funding of a public transportation system, |
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of any county, municipality, or any other unit of local
 government or receive any compensation from any elected or
 appointed office under the Constitution and laws of Illinois.

4 <u>(f)</u> (d) Each appointment made under subsections (a) and 5 (b) of this Section and under Section 3B.03 shall be certified 6 by the appointing authority to the Commuter Rail Board which 7 shall maintain the certifications as part of the official 8 records of the Commuter Rail Board.

9 (Source: P.A. 98-709, eff. 7-16-14.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.09)

Sec. 3B.09. General Powers. In addition to any powers elsewhere provided to the Commuter Rail Board, it shall have all of the powers specified in Section 2.20 of this Act except for the powers specified in Section 2.20(a)(v). The Board shall also have the power:

16 (a) to cooperate with the Regional Transportation
17 Authority in the exercise by the Regional Transportation
18 Authority of all the powers granted it by such Act;

(b) to receive funds from the Regional Transportation Authority pursuant to Sections 2.02, 4.01, 4.02, 4.09 and 4.10 of the "Regional Transportation Authority Act", all as provided in the "Regional Transportation Authority Act";

(c) to receive financial grants from the Regional
Transportation Authority or a Service Board, as defined in the
"Regional Transportation Authority Act", upon such terms and

conditions as shall be set forth in a grant contract between 1 2 either the Division and the Regional Transportation Authority or the Division and another Service Board, which contract or 3 agreement may be for such number of years or duration as the 4 5 parties may agree, all as provided in the "Regional 6 Transportation Authority Act"; and

7 to borrow money for the purpose of acquiring, (d) 8 constructing, reconstructing, extending, or improving any 9 Public Transportation Facilities (as defined in Section 1.03 10 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act) operated by or 11 to be operated by or on behalf of the Commuter Rail Division. 12 For the purpose of evidencing the obligation of the Commuter 13 Rail Board to repay any money borrowed as provided in this subsection, the Commuter Rail Board may issue revenue bonds 14 15 from time to time pursuant to ordinance adopted by the Commuter Rail Board, subject to the approval of the Regional 16 17 Transportation Authority of each such issuance by the affirmative vote of 12 of its then Directors, prior to 18 19 February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of 20 its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026; provided that 21 the Commuter Rail Board may not issue bonds for the purpose of 22 financing the acquisition, construction, or improvement of a 23 corporate headquarters building. All such bonds shall be 24 payable solely from the revenues or income or any other funds 25 that the Commuter Rail Board may receive, provided that the 26 Commuter Rail Board may not pledge as security for such bonds

the moneys, if any, that the Commuter Rail Board receives from 1 2 the Regional Transportation Authority pursuant to Section 3 4.03.3(f) of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. The bonds shall bear interest at a rate not to exceed the maximum 4 5 rate authorized by the Bond Authorization Act and shall mature at such time or times not exceeding 25 years from their 6 7 respective dates. Bonds issued pursuant to this paragraph must 8 be issued with scheduled principal or mandatory redemption 9 payments in equal amounts in each fiscal year over the term of 10 the bonds, with the first principal or mandatory redemption 11 payment scheduled within the fiscal year in which bonds are 12 issued or within the next succeeding fiscal year. At least 25%, based on total principal amount, of all bonds authorized 13 14 pursuant to this Section shall be sold pursuant to notice of 15 sale and public bid. No more than 75%, based on total principal 16 amount, of all bonds authorized pursuant to this Section shall 17 be sold by negotiated sale. The maximum principal amount of the bonds that may be issued and outstanding at any time may 18 not exceed \$1,000,000,000. The bonds shall have all the 19 20 qualities of negotiable instruments under the laws of this State. To secure the payment of any or all of such bonds and 21 22 for the purpose of setting forth the covenants and 23 undertakings of the Commuter Rail Board in connection with the 24 issuance thereof and the issuance of any additional bonds 25 payable from such revenue or income as well as the use and 26 application of the revenue or income received by the Commuter

Rail Board, the Commuter Rail Board may execute and deliver a 1 trust agreement or agreements; provided that no lien upon any 2 3 physical property of the Commuter Rail Board shall be created thereby. A remedy for any breach or default of the terms of any 4 5 such trust agreement by the Commuter Rail Board may be by 6 mandamus proceedings in any court of competent jurisdiction to 7 compel performance and compliance therewith, but the trust 8 agreement may prescribe by whom or on whose behalf such action 9 may be instituted. Under no circumstances shall any bonds 10 issued by the Commuter Rail Board or any other obligation of 11 the Commuter Rail Board in connection with the issuance of 12 such bonds be or become an indebtedness or obligation of the State of Illinois, the Regional Transportation Authority, or 13 any other political subdivision of or municipality within the 14 15 State, nor shall any such bonds or obligations be or become an 16 indebtedness of the Commuter Rail Board within the purview of 17 any constitutional limitation or provision, and it shall be plainly stated on the face of each bond that it does not 18 19 constitute such an indebtedness or obligation but is payable 20 solely from the revenues or income as aforesaid.

21 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

(70 ILCS 3615/3B.10) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.10)
Sec. 3B.10. Budget and Program. The Commuter Rail Board,
subject to the powers of the Authority in Section 4.11, shall
control the finances of the Division. It shall by ordinance

appropriate money to perform the Division's purposes and 1 2 provide for payment of debts and expenses of the Division. 3 Each year the Commuter Rail Board shall prepare and publish a comprehensive annual budget and proposed five-year capital 4 5 program document, and a financial plan for the two years thereafter describing the state of the Division and presenting 6 for the forthcoming fiscal year and the two following years 7 the Commuter Rail Board's plans for such operations and 8 9 capital expenditures as the Commuter Rail Board intends to 10 undertake and the means by which it intends to finance them. 11 The proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year capital 12 program shall be based on the Authority's estimate of funds to 13 be made available to the Commuter Rail Board by or through the 14 Authority and shall conform in all respects to the 15 requirements established by the Authority. The proposed 16 budget, financial plan, and five-year capital program shall 17 contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand at the beginning of the fiscal year, the funds estimated to be 18 19 received from all sources for such year and the funds 20 estimated to be on hand at the end of such year. The fiscal year of the Division shall be the same as the fiscal year of 21 22 the Authority. Before the proposed budget, financial plan, and 23 five-year capital program are submitted to the Authority, the 24 Commuter Rail Board shall hold at least one public hearing 25 thereon in each of the counties in the metropolitan region in which the Division provides service. The Commuter Rail Board 26

shall hold at least one meeting for consideration of the 1 2 proposed budget, financial plan, and five-year capital plan with the county board of each of the several counties in the 3 metropolitan region in which the Division provides service. 4 5 Prior to the capital program being submitted to the Authority, the Commuter Rail Board shall hold at least one meeting for 6 consideration of the proposed 5-year capital program with 7 8 representatives of labor organizations that have a collective 9 bargaining agreement with the Commuter Rail Board. After 10 conducting such hearings and holding such meetings and after 11 making such changes in the proposed budget, financial plan, 12 and five-year capital plan as the Commuter Rail Board deems appropriate, the board shall adopt its annual budget ordinance 13 at least by November 15 next preceding the beginning of each 14 15 fiscal year. The budget, financial plan, and five-year capital 16 program shall then be submitted to the Authority as provided 17 in Section 4.11. In the event that the Board of the Authority determines that the budget and program, and financial plan do 18 not meet the standards of Section 4.11, the Commuter Rail 19 20 Board shall make such changes as are necessary to meet such 21 requirements and adopt an amended budget ordinance. The 22 amended budget ordinance shall be resubmitted to the Authority 23 pursuant to Section 4.11. The ordinance shall appropriate such sums of money as are deemed necessary to defray all necessary 24 expenses and obligations of the Division, specifying purposes 25 26 and the objects or programs for which appropriations are made

and the amount appropriated for each object or program. Additional appropriations, transfers between items and other changes in such ordinance which do not alter the basis upon which the balanced budget determination was made by the Board of the Authority may be made from time to time by the Commuter Rail Board.

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The budget shall:

8 (i) show a balance between (A) anticipated revenues 9 from all sources including operating subsidies and (B) the 10 costs of providing the services specified and of funding 11 any operating deficits or encumbrances incurred in prior 12 periods, including provision for payment when due of 13 principal and interest on outstanding indebtedness;

(ii) show cash balances including the proceeds of any
 anticipated cash flow borrowing sufficient to pay with
 reasonable promptness all costs and expenses as incurred;

(iii) provide for a level of fares or charges for the public transportation provided by or subject to the jurisdiction of such Commuter Rail Board sufficient to allow the Commuter Rail Board to meet its required system generated revenue recovery ratio;

(iv) be based upon and employ assumptions and projections which the Board of the Authority finds to be reasonable and prudent;

(v) have been prepared in accordance with sound
 financial practices as determined by the Board of the

1 Authority;

2 (vi) meet such other uniform financial, budgetary, or
3 fiscal requirements that the Board of the Authority may by
4 rule or regulation establish; and

5 (vii) be consistent with the goals and objectives 6 adopted by the Regional Transportation Authority in the 7 Strategic Plan.

8 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

9 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.13) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 703B.13)
10 Sec. 3B.13. Labor.

(a) The provisions of this Section apply to collective bargaining agreements (including extensions and amendments of existing agreements) entered into on or after January 1, 1984. This Section does not apply to collective bargaining agreements that are subject to the provisions of the Railway Labor Act, as now or hereafter amended.

17 (b) The Commuter Rail Board shall deal with and enter into 18 written contracts with their employees, through accredited 19 representatives of such employees authorized to act for such 20 employees concerning wages, salaries, hours, working 21 conditions, and pension or retirement provisions about which a 22 collective bargaining agreement has been entered prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983. Any such 23 24 agreement of the Commuter Rail Board shall provide that the 25 agreement may be reopened if the amended budget submitted

pursuant to Section 2.18a of this Act is not approved by the 1 2 Board of the Authority. The agreement may not include a 3 provision requiring the payment of wage increases based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. The Commuter Rail Board 4 5 shall not have the authority to enter collective bargaining agreements with respect to inherent management rights which 6 include such areas of discretion or policy as the functions of 7 8 the employer, standards of services, its overall budget, the 9 organizational structure and selection of new employees and 10 direction of personnel. Employers, however, shall be required 11 to bargain collectively with regard to policy matters directly 12 affecting wages, hours and terms and conditions of employment, 13 as well as the impact thereon, upon request by employee 14 representatives. To preserve the rights of the Commuter Rail 15 Board and exclusive representatives which have established 16 collective bargaining relationships or negotiated collective 17 bargaining agreements prior to the effective date of this amendatory Act of 1983, the Commuter Rail Board shall be 18 required to bargain collectively with regard to any matter 19 concerning wages, hours or conditions of employment about 20 which they have bargained prior to the effective date of this 21 22 amendatory Act of 1983.

(c) The collective bargaining agreement may not include a prohibition on the use of part-time operators on any service operated by the Commuter Rail Board except where prohibited by federal law.

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(d) Within 30 days of the signing of any such collective 1 2 bargaining agreement, the Commuter Rail Board shall determine the costs of each provision of the agreement, prepare an 3 amended budget incorporating the costs of the agreement, and 4 5 present the amended budget to the Board of the Authority for 6 its approval under Section 4.11. The Board may approve the amended budget by an affirmative vote of 12 of its then 7 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative 8 9 vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 10 1, 2026. If the budget is not approved by the Board of the 11 Authority, the agreement may be reopened and its terms may be 12 renegotiated. Any amended budget which may be prepared following renegotiation shall be presented to the Board of the 13 Authority for its approval in like manner. 14

15 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

16 (70 ILCS 3615/4.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.01)

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Sec. 4.01. Budget and Program.

(a) The Board shall control the finances of the Authority. 18 19 It shall by ordinance adopted by the affirmative vote of at 20 least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and 21 by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, 22 beginning February 1, 2026, (i) appropriate money to perform the Authority's purposes and provide for payment of debts and 23 24 expenses of the Authority, (ii) take action with respect to 25 the budget and two-year financial plan of each Service Board,

as provided in Section 4.11, and (iii) adopt an Annual Budget 1 2 and Two-Year Financial Plan for the Authority that includes 3 the annual budget and two-year financial plan of each Service Board that has been approved by the Authority. The Annual 4 5 Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan shall contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand for the Authority and each 6 7 Service Board at the beginning of the fiscal year, the funds 8 estimated to be received from all sources for such year, the 9 estimated expenses and obligations of the Authority and each 10 Service Board for all purposes, including expenses for 11 contributions to be made with respect to pension and other 12 employee benefits, and the funds estimated to be on hand at the end of such year. The fiscal year of the Authority and each 13 14 Service Board shall begin on January 1st and end on the 15 succeeding December 31st. By July 1st of each year the 16 Director of the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and 17 Budget (formerly Bureau of the Budget) shall submit to the Authority an estimate of revenues for the next fiscal year of 18 19 the Authority to be collected from the taxes imposed by the 20 Authority and the amounts to be available in the Public 21 Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation Authority 22 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund and the amounts 23 otherwise to be appropriated by the State to the Authority for its purposes. The Authority shall file a copy of its Annual 24 25 Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan with the General Assembly and the Governor after its adoption. Before the proposed 26

Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan is adopted, the 1 2 Authority shall hold at least one public hearing thereon in 3 the metropolitan region, and shall meet with the county board or its designee of each of the several counties in the 4 5 metropolitan region. After conducting such hearings and holding such meetings and after making such changes in the 6 proposed Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan as the 7 8 Board deems appropriate, the Board shall adopt its annual 9 appropriation and Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan 10 ordinance. The ordinance may be adopted only upon the 11 affirmative votes of 12 of its then Directors, prior to 12 February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of 13 its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026. The ordinance 14 shall appropriate such sums of money as are deemed necessary 15 to defray all necessary expenses and obligations of the 16 Authority, specifying purposes and the objects or programs for 17 which appropriations are made and the amount appropriated for each object or program. Additional appropriations, transfers 18 between items and other changes in such ordinance may be made 19 20 from time to time by the Board upon the affirmative votes of 12 21 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, 22 23 beginning February 1, 2026.

(b) The Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan shall
 show a balance between anticipated revenues from all sources
 and anticipated expenses including funding of operating

deficits or the discharge of encumbrances incurred in prior periods and payment of principal and interest when due, and shall show cash balances sufficient to pay with reasonable promptness all obligations and expenses as incurred.

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The Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan must show:

6 (i) that the level of fares and charges for mass transportation provided by, or under grant or purchase of 7 service contracts of, the Service Boards is sufficient to 8 9 cause the aggregate of all projected fare revenues from 10 such fares and charges received in each fiscal year to 11 equal at least 50% of the aggregate costs of providing 12 such public transportation in such fiscal year. However, due to the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the 13 14 aggregate of all projected fare revenues from such fares 15 and charges received in fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 16 2024, and 2025 may be less than 50% of the aggregate costs 17 of providing such public transportation in those fiscal 18 years. The aggregate of all projected fare revenues from 19 such fares and charges received in fiscal years 2026 and 20 2027 shall equal at least 25% of the aggregate cost of 21 providing such public transportation in those fiscal 22 years. The aggregate of all projected fare revenues from 23 such fares and charges received in fiscal years 2028 and 24 2029 and for every fiscal year thereafter shall equal at 25 least 15% of the aggregate cost of providing such public transportation in those fiscal years. Prior to the 26

beginning of fiscal year 2030, the General Assembly shall 1 2 reevaluate and determine the appropriate system generated 3 revenues recovery ratio for future years. "Fare revenues" include the proceeds of all fares and charges for services 4 5 provided, contributions received in connection with public 6 transportation from units of local government other than 7 the Authority, except for contributions received by the 8 Chicago Transit Authority from a real estate transfer tax 9 imposed under subsection (i) of Section 8-3-19 of the 10 Illinois Municipal Code, and from the State pursuant to subsection (i) of Section 2705-305 of the Department of 11 12 Transportation Law (20 ILCS 2705/2705-305), and all other 13 operating revenues properly included consistent with 14 generally accepted accounting principles but do not 15 include: the proceeds of any borrowings, and, beginning 16 with the 2007 fiscal year, all revenues and receipts, 17 including but not limited to fares and grants received from the federal, State or any unit of local government or 18 19 other entity, derived from providing ADA paratransit 20 service pursuant to Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. "Costs" include all items 21 22 properly included as operating costs consistent with 23 generally accepted accounting principles, including 24 administrative costs, but do not include: depreciation; 25 payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other 26 evidences of obligation for borrowed money issued by the

Authority; payments with respect to public transportation 1 2 facilities made pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2.20 3 of this Act; any payments with respect to rate protection contracts, credit enhancements or liquidity agreements 4 made under Section 4.14; any other cost to which it is 5 reasonably expected that a cash expenditure will not be 6 7 made; costs for passenger security including grants, 8 personnel, equipment and administrative contracts, 9 expenses, except in the case of the Chicago Transit 10 Authority, in which case the term does not include costs 11 spent annually by that entity for protection against crime 12 as required by Section 27a of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; the payment by the Chicago Transit 13 14 Authority of Debt Service, as defined in Section 12c of 15 the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, on bonds or notes 16 issued pursuant to that Section; the payment by the 17 Commuter Rail Division of debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Section 3B.09; expenses incurred by the 18 new public 19 Suburban Bus Division for the cost of 20 transportation services funded from grants pursuant to Section 2.01e of this amendatory Act of the 95th General 21 22 Assembly for a period of 2 years from the date of 23 initiation of each such service; costs as exempted by the Board for projects pursuant to Section 2.09 of this Act; 24 25 or, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, expenses related 26 to providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to Section

2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act; and in 1 2 fiscal years 2008 through 2012 inclusive, costs in the 3 amount of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2008, reducing by \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year thereafter until this 4 5 exemption is eliminated; and expenses incurred by any and 6 all Service Boards for the cost of new public 7 transportation services for a period of 2 years from the 8 date of initiation of each such service; and

9 the level of fares charged for (ii) that ADA 10 paratransit services is sufficient to cause the aggregate 11 of all projected revenues from such fares charged and 12 received in each fiscal year to equal at least 10% of the aggregate costs of providing such ADA paratransit 13 14 services. However, due to the fiscal impacts of the 15 COVID-19 pandemic, the aggregate of all projected fare 16 revenues from such fares and charges received in fiscal 17 years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 may be less than 10% of the aggregate costs of providing such ADA paratransit 18 19 services in those fiscal years. The aggregate of all 20 projected revenues from such fares charged and received in 21 fiscal years 2026 and 2027 shall equal at least 5% of the 22 aggregate costs of providing such ADA paratransit services in those fiscal years. The aggregate of all projected 23 24 revenues from such fares charged and received in fiscal 25 years 2028 and 2029 and every fiscal year thereafter shall 26 equal at least 3% of the aggregate costs of providing such

| 1 | ADA paratransit services in those fiscal years. Prior to |
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| 2 | the beginning of fiscal year 2030, the General Assembly |
| 3 | shall reevaluate and determine the appropriate system |
| 4 | generated revenues recovery ratio for ADA paratransit |
| 5 | services for future years. For purposes of this Act, the |
| 6 | percentages in this subsection (b)(ii) shall be referred |
| 7 | to as the "system generated ADA paratransit services |
| 8 | revenue recovery ratio". For purposes of the system |
| 9 | generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio, |
| 10 | "costs" shall include all items properly included as |
| 11 | operating costs consistent with generally accepted |
| 12 | accounting principles. However, the Board may exclude from |
| 13 | costs an amount that does not exceed the allowable |
| 14 | "capital costs of contracting" for ADA paratransit |
| 15 | services pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration |
| 16 | guidelines for the Urbanized Area Formula Program. |

17 The Authority shall file a statement certifying that the Service Boards published the data described in subsection 18 (b-5) with the General Assembly and the Governor after 19 20 adoption of the Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan 21 required by subsection (a). If the Authority fails to file a 22 statement certifying publication of the data, then the 23 appropriations to the Department of Transportation for grants to the Authority intended to reimburse the Service Boards for 24 25 providing free and reduced fares shall be withheld.

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(b-5) For fiscal years 2024<u>,</u> and 2025, <u>2026, and every</u>

<u>year thereafter</u>, the Service Boards must publish a monthly comprehensive set of data regarding transit service and safety. The data included shall include information to track operations including:

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

8 (2) scheduled service and delivered service, including 9 percentage of scheduled service delivered by day, service 10 by mode of transportation, service by route and rail line, 11 total number of revenue miles driven, excess wait times by 12 day, by mode of transportation, by bus route, and by stop; 13 and

(3) safety on the system, including the number of 14 incidents of crime and code of conduct violations on 15 16 system, any performance measures used to evaluate the 17 effectiveness of investments in private security, safety equipment, and other security investments in the system. 18 19 Τf no performance measures exist to evaluate the 20 effectiveness of these safety investments, the Service 21 Boards and Authority shall develop and publish these 22 performance measures.

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

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(c) The actual administrative expenses of the Authority 1 2 for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1985 may not exceed The actual administrative expenses of 3 \$5,000,000. the Authority for the fiscal year commencing January 1, 1986, and 4 5 for each fiscal year thereafter shall not exceed the maximum administrative expenses for the previous fiscal year plus 5%. 6 7 "Administrative expenses" are defined for purposes of this 8 Section as all expenses except: (1) capital expenses and 9 purchases of the Authority on behalf of the Service Boards; 10 (2) payments to Service Boards; and (3) payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other evidence of obligation 11 12 for borrowed money issued by the Authority; (4) costs for passenger security including grants, contracts, personnel, 13 14 equipment and administrative expenses; (5) payments with 15 respect to public transportation facilities made pursuant to 16 subsection (b) of Section 2.20 of this Act; and (6) any 17 payments with respect to rate protection contracts, credit enhancements or liquidity agreements made pursuant to Section 18 19 4.14.

(d) This subsection applies only until the Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. After withholding 15% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority and 15% of money received by the Authority from the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund, the Board shall

allocate the proceeds and money remaining to the Service 1 2 Boards as follows: (1) an amount equal to 85% of the proceeds 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 5 the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the County and Mass Transit District 6 7 Fund attributable to retail sales within the City of Chicago 8 shall be allocated to the Chicago Transit Authority; (2) an 9 amount equal to 85% of the proceeds of those taxes collected 10 within Cook County outside the City of Chicago and 85% of the 11 money received by the Authority on account of transfers to the 12 Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax 13 Replacement Fund from the County and Mass Transit District Fund attributable to retail sales within Cook County outside 14 15 of the city of Chicago shall be allocated 30% to the Chicago 16 Transit Authority, 55% to the Commuter Rail Board and 15% to 17 the Suburban Bus Board; and (3) an amount equal to 85% of the proceeds of the taxes collected within the Counties of DuPage, 18 Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will shall be allocated 70% to the 19 20 Commuter Rail Board and 30% to the Suburban Bus Board.

(e) This subsection applies only until the Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. Moneys received by the Authority on account of transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and

Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall be allocated among the 1 2 Authority and the Service Boards as follows: 15% of such moneys shall be retained by the Authority and the remaining 3 85% shall be transferred to the Service Boards as soon as may 4 5 be practicable after the Authority receives payment. Moneys which are distributable to the Service Boards pursuant to the 6 7 preceding sentence shall be allocated among the Service Boards on the basis of each Service Board's distribution ratio. The 8 "distribution ratio" means, for purposes of this 9 term subsection (e) of this Section 4.01, the ratio of the total 10 11 amount distributed to a Service Board pursuant to subsection 12 (d) of Section 4.01 for the immediately preceding calendar year to the total amount distributed to all of the Service 13 Boards pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 4.01 for the 14 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: (1) propose for adoption by the Board of the Authority rules for 18 the Service Boards that establish (i) forms and schedules to 19 20 be used and information required to be provided with respect to a five-year capital program, annual budgets, and two-year 21 22 financial plans and regular reporting of actual results 23 against adopted budgets and financial plans, (ii) financial practices to be followed in the budgeting and expenditure of 24 25 public funds, (iii) assumptions and projections that must be 26 followed in preparing and submitting its annual budget and

two-year financial plan or a five-year capital program; (2) 1 2 evaluate for the Board public transportation programs operated 3 or proposed by the Service Boards and transportation agencies in terms of the goals and objectives set out in the Strategic 4 5 Plan; (3) keep the Board and the public informed of the extent to which the Service Boards and transportation agencies are 6 7 meeting the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in 8 the Strategic Plan; and (4) assess the efficiency or adequacy 9 of public transportation services provided by a Service Board 10 and make recommendations for change in that service to the end 11 that the moneys available to the Authority may be expended in 12 the most economical manner possible with the least possible duplication. 13

14 All Service Boards, transportation agencies, (q) 15 comprehensive planning agencies, including the Chicago 16 Metropolitan Agency for Planning, or transportation planning 17 agencies in the metropolitan region shall furnish to the Authority such information pertaining to public transportation 18 or relevant for plans therefor as it may from time to time 19 20 require. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, 21 shall, for the purpose of securing any such information 22 necessary or appropriate to carry out any of the powers and 23 responsibilities of the Authority under this Act, have access to, and the right to examine, all books, documents, papers or 24 25 records of a Service Board or any transportation agency 26 receiving funds from the Authority or Service Board, and such

Service Board or transportation agency shall comply with any
 request by the Executive Director, or his or her designee,
 within 30 days or an extended time provided by the Executive
 Director.

5 (h) No Service Board shall undertake any capital 6 improvement which is not identified in the Five-Year Capital 7 Program.

8 (i) Each Service Board shall furnish to the Board access 9 to its financial information including, but not limited to, 10 audits and reports. The Board shall have real-time access to 11 the financial information of the Service Boards; however, the 12 Board shall be granted read-only access to the Service Board's 13 financial information.

14 (Source: P.A. 102-678, eff. 12-10-21; 103-281, eff. 1-1-24.)

15 (70 ILCS 3615/4.03)

16 Sec. 4.03. Taxes.

(a) In order to carry out any of the powers or purposes of 17 18 the Authority, the Board may, by ordinance adopted with the 19 concurrence of 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 20 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of the then 21 Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, impose throughout the 22 metropolitan region any or all of the taxes provided in this Section. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, taxes 23 24 imposed under this Section and civil penalties imposed 25 incident thereto shall be collected and enforced by the State

Department of Revenue. The Department shall have the power to 1 2 administer and enforce the taxes and to determine all rights 3 for refunds for erroneous payments of the taxes. Nothing in Public Act 95-708 is intended to invalidate any taxes 4 5 currently imposed by the Authority. The increased vote requirements to impose a tax shall only apply to actions taken 6 7 after January 1, 2008 (the effective date of Public Act 8 95-708).

9 (b) The Board may impose a public transportation tax upon 10 all persons engaged in the metropolitan region in the business 11 of selling at retail motor fuel for operation of motor 12 vehicles upon public highways. The tax shall be at a rate not to exceed 5% of the gross receipts from the sales of motor fuel 13 14 in the course of the business. As used in this Act, the term 15 "motor fuel" shall have the same meaning as in the Motor Fuel 16 Tax Law. The Board may provide for details of the tax. The 17 provisions of any tax shall conform, as closely as may be practicable, to the provisions of the Municipal Retailers 18 19 Occupation Tax Act, including, without limitation, conformity 20 to penalties with respect to the tax imposed and as to the powers of the State Department of Revenue to promulgate and 21 22 enforce rules and regulations relating to the administration 23 and enforcement of the provisions of the tax imposed, except 24 that reference in the Act to any municipality shall refer to 25 the Authority and the tax shall be imposed only with regard to 26 receipts from sales of motor fuel in the metropolitan region,

1 at rates as limited by this Section.

(c) In connection with the tax imposed under paragraph (b) of this Section, the Board may impose a tax upon the privilege of using in the metropolitan region motor fuel for the operation of a motor vehicle upon public highways, the tax to be at a rate not in excess of the rate of tax imposed under paragraph (b) of this Section. The Board may provide for details of the tax.

9 (d) The Board may impose a motor vehicle parking tax upon 10 the privilege of parking motor vehicles at off-street parking 11 facilities in the metropolitan region at which a fee is 12 charged, and may provide for reasonable classifications in and exemptions to the tax, for administration and enforcement 13 thereof and for civil penalties and refunds thereunder and may 14 15 provide criminal penalties thereunder, the maximum penalties not to exceed the maximum criminal penalties provided in the 16 17 Retailers' Occupation Tax Act. The Authority may collect and enforce the tax itself or by contract with any unit of local 18 19 government. The State Department of Revenue shall have no 20 responsibility for the collection and enforcement unless the 21 Department agrees with the Authority to undertake the 22 collection and enforcement. As used in this paragraph, the 23 term "parking facility" means a parking area or structure having parking spaces for more than 2 vehicles at which motor 24 25 vehicles are permitted to park in return for an hourly, daily, 26 or other periodic fee, whether publicly or privately owned,

but does not include parking spaces on a public street, the use of which is regulated by parking meters.

3 The Board may impose a Regional Transportation (e) Authority Retailers' Occupation Tax upon all persons engaged 4 5 in the business of selling tangible personal property at retail in the metropolitan region. In Cook County, the tax 6 7 rate shall be 1.25% of the gross receipts from sales of food 8 for human consumption that is to be consumed off the premises 9 where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food 10 consisting of or infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, 11 candy, and food that has been prepared for immediate 12 consumption) and tangible personal property taxed at the 1% rate under the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, and 1% of the 13 14 gross receipts from other taxable sales made in the course of 15 that business. In DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will 16 counties, the tax rate shall be 0.75% of the gross receipts 17 from all taxable sales made in the course of that business. The rate of tax imposed in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will 18 counties under this Section on sales of aviation fuel on or 19 after December 1, 2019 shall, however, be 0.25% unless the 20 21 Regional Transportation Authority in DuPage, Kane, Lake, 22 McHenry, and Will counties has an "airport-related purpose" 23 and the additional 0.50% of the 0.75% tax on aviation fuel is 24 expended for airport-related purposes. If there is no 25 airport-related purpose to which aviation fuel tax revenue is 26 dedicated, then aviation fuel is excluded from the additional

0.50% of the 0.75% tax. The tax imposed under this Section and 1 2 all civil penalties that may be assessed as an incident 3 thereof shall be collected and enforced by the State Department of Revenue. The Department shall have full power to 4 5 administer and enforce this Section; to collect all taxes and penalties so collected in the manner hereinafter provided; and 6 to determine all rights to credit memoranda arising on account 7 8 of the erroneous payment of tax or penalty hereunder. In the 9 administration of, and compliance with this Section, the 10 Department and persons who are subject to this Section shall 11 have the same rights, remedies, privileges, immunities, 12 powers, and duties, and be subject to the same conditions, 13 restrictions, limitations, penalties, exclusions, exemptions, 14 and definitions of terms, and employ the same modes of 15 procedure, as are prescribed in Sections 1, 1a, 1a-1, 1c, 1d, 16 1e, 1f, 1i, 1j, 2 through 2-65 (in respect to all provisions 17 therein other than the State rate of tax), 2c, 3 (except as to the disposition of taxes and penalties collected, and except 18 that the retailer's discount is not allowed for taxes paid on 19 20 aviation fuel that are subject to the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133), 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 5c, 21 22 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g, 5h, 5i, 5j, 5k, 5l, 6, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 7, 8, 9, 23 10, 11, 12, and 13 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and Interest Act, as fully 24 25 as if those provisions were set forth herein.

26 The Board and DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will

counties must comply with the certification requirements for 1 2 airport-related purposes under Section 2-22 of the Retailers' 3 Occupation Tax Act. For purposes of this Section, "airport-related purposes" has the meaning ascribed in Section 4 5 6z-20.2 of the State Finance Act. This exclusion for aviation fuel only applies for so long as the revenue use requirements 6 7 of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the 8 Authority.

9 Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority 10 granted in this Section may reimburse themselves for their 11 seller's tax liability hereunder by separately stating the tax 12 as an additional charge, which charge may be stated in 13 combination in a single amount with State taxes that sellers 14 are required to collect under the Use Tax Act, under any 15 bracket schedules the Department may prescribe.

16 Whenever the Department determines that a refund should be 17 made under this Section to a claimant instead of issuing a credit memorandum, the Department shall notify the State 18 19 Comptroller, who shall cause the warrant to be drawn for the 20 amount specified, and to the person named, in the notification 21 from the Department. The refund shall be paid by the State 22 Treasurer out of the Regional Transportation Authority tax 23 fund established under paragraph (n) of this Section or the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund, as appropriate. 24

If a tax is imposed under this subsection (e), a tax shall also be imposed under subsections (f) and (g) of this Section.

For the purpose of determining whether a tax authorized 1 2 under this Section is applicable, a retail sale by a producer 3 of coal or other mineral mined in Illinois, is a sale at retail at the place where the coal or other mineral mined in Illinois 4 5 is extracted from the earth. This paragraph does not apply to coal or other mineral when it is delivered or shipped by the 6 7 seller to the purchaser at a point outside Illinois so that the 8 sale is exempt under the Federal Constitution as a sale in 9 interstate or foreign commerce.

10 No tax shall be imposed or collected under this subsection 11 on the sale of a motor vehicle in this State to a resident of 12 another state if that motor vehicle will not be titled in this 13 State.

Nothing in this Section shall be construed to authorize the Regional Transportation Authority to impose a tax upon the privilege of engaging in any business that under the Constitution of the United States may not be made the subject of taxation by this State.

19 (f) If a tax has been imposed under paragraph (e), a 20 Regional Transportation Authority Service Occupation Tax shall 21 also be imposed upon all persons engaged, in the metropolitan 22 region in the business of making sales of service, who, as an 23 incident to making the sales of service, transfer tangible 24 personal property within the metropolitan region, either in 25 the form of tangible personal property or in the form of real estate as an incident to a sale of service. In Cook County, the 26

tax rate shall be: (1) 1.25% of the serviceman's cost price of 1 2 food prepared for immediate consumption and transferred 3 incident to a sale of service subject to the service occupation tax by an entity that is located 4 in the 5 metropolitan region and that is licensed under the Hospital Licensing Act, the Nursing Home Care Act, the Assisted Living 6 7 Shared Housing Act, the Specialized Mental and Health Rehabilitation Act of 2013, the ID/DD Community Care Act, the 8 9 MC/DD Act, or the Child Care Act of 1969, or an entity that 10 holds a permit issued pursuant to the Life Care Facilities 11 Act; (2) 1.25% of the selling price of food for human 12 consumption that is to be consumed off the premises where it is sold (other than alcoholic beverages, food consisting of or 13 14 infused with adult use cannabis, soft drinks, candy, and food 15 that has been prepared for immediate consumption) and tangible 16 personal property taxed at the 1% rate under the Service 17 Occupation Tax Act; and (3) 1% of the selling price from other taxable sales of tangible personal property transferred. In 18 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, the rate shall 19 20 be 0.75% of the selling price of all tangible personal property transferred. The rate of tax imposed in DuPage, Kane, 21 22 Lake, McHenry, and Will counties under this Section on sales 23 of aviation fuel on or after December 1, 2019 shall, however, 24 be 0.25% unless the Regional Transportation Authority in 25 Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties has DuPage, an "airport-related purpose" and the additional 0.50% of the 26

1 0.75% tax on aviation fuel is expended for airport-related 2 purposes. If there is no airport-related purpose to which 3 aviation fuel tax revenue is dedicated, then aviation fuel is 4 excluded from the additional 0.5% of the 0.75% tax.

5 The Board and DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties must comply with the certification requirements for 6 airport-related purposes under Section 2-22 of the Retailers' 7 8 Occupation Tax Act. For purposes of this Section, 9 "airport-related purposes" has the meaning ascribed in Section 6z-20.2 of the State Finance Act. This exclusion for aviation 10 11 fuel only applies for so long as the revenue use requirements 12 of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the Authority. 13

The tax imposed under this paragraph and all civil 14 15 penalties that may be assessed as an incident thereof shall be 16 collected and enforced by the State Department of Revenue. The 17 Department shall have full power to administer and enforce this paragraph; to collect all taxes and penalties due 18 19 hereunder; to dispose of taxes and penalties collected in the 20 manner hereinafter provided; and to determine all rights to credit memoranda arising on account of the erroneous payment 21 22 of tax or penalty hereunder. In the administration of and 23 compliance with this paragraph, the Department and persons who 24 are subject to this paragraph shall have the same rights, 25 remedies, privileges, immunities, powers, and duties, and be subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, 26

penalties, exclusions, exemptions, and definitions of terms, 1 2 and employ the same modes of procedure, as are prescribed in Sections 1a-1, 2, 2a, 3 through 3-50 (in respect to all 3 provisions therein other than the State rate of tax), 4 4 5 (except that the reference to the State shall be to the Authority), 5, 7, 8 (except that the jurisdiction to which the 6 7 tax shall be a debt to the extent indicated in that Section 8 8 shall be the Authority), 9 (except as to the disposition of 9 taxes and penalties collected, and except that the returned 10 merchandise credit for this tax may not be taken against any 11 State tax, and except that the retailer's discount is not 12 allowed for taxes paid on aviation fuel that are subject to the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 U.S.C. 13 47133), 10, 11, 12 (except the reference therein to Section 2b 14 15 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act), 13 (except that any reference to the State shall mean the Authority), the first 16 17 paragraph of Section 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, and 20 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3-7 of the Uniform Penalty and 18 19 Interest Act, as fully as if those provisions were set forth 20 herein.

Persons subject to any tax imposed under the authority granted in this paragraph may reimburse themselves for their serviceman's tax liability hereunder by separately stating the tax as an additional charge, that charge may be stated in combination in a single amount with State tax that servicemen are authorized to collect under the Service Use Tax Act, under

1 any bracket schedules the Department may prescribe.

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2 Whenever the Department determines that a refund should be 3 made under this paragraph to a claimant instead of issuing a credit memorandum, the Department shall notify the State 4 5 Comptroller, who shall cause the warrant to be drawn for the amount specified, and to the person named in the notification 6 7 from the Department. The refund shall be paid by the State 8 Treasurer out of the Regional Transportation Authority tax 9 fund established under paragraph (n) of this Section or the 10 Local Government Aviation Trust Fund, as appropriate.

11 Nothing in this paragraph 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 the State.

15 (g) If a tax has been imposed under paragraph (e), a tax 16 shall also be imposed upon the privilege of using in the 17 metropolitan region, any item of tangible personal property that is purchased outside the metropolitan region at retail 18 from a retailer, and that is titled or registered with an 19 agency of this State's government. In Cook County, the tax 20 21 rate shall be 1% of the selling price of the tangible personal 22 property, as "selling price" is defined in the Use Tax Act. In 23 DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will counties, the tax rate 24 shall be 0.75% of the selling price of the tangible personal 25 property, as "selling price" is defined in the Use Tax Act. The 26 tax shall be collected from persons whose Illinois address for

titling or registration purposes is given as being in the 1 2 metropolitan region. The tax shall be collected by the 3 Department of Revenue for the Regional Transportation Authority. The tax must be paid to the State, or an exemption 4 5 determination must be obtained from the Department of Revenue, before the title or certificate of registration for the 6 7 property may be issued. The tax or proof of exemption may be 8 transmitted to the Department by way of the State agency with 9 which, or the State officer with whom, the tangible personal 10 property must be titled or registered if the Department and 11 the State agency or State officer determine that this 12 procedure will expedite the processing of applications for 13 title or registration.

The Department shall have full power to administer and 14 15 enforce this paragraph; to collect all taxes, penalties, and 16 interest due hereunder; to dispose of taxes, penalties, and 17 interest collected in the manner hereinafter provided; and to determine all rights to credit memoranda or refunds arising on 18 19 account of the erroneous payment of tax, penalty, or interest 20 hereunder. In the administration of and compliance with this 21 paragraph, the Department and persons who are subject to this 22 paragraph shall have the same rights, remedies, privileges, 23 immunities, powers, and duties, and be subject to the same conditions, restrictions, limitations, penalties, exclusions, 24 25 exemptions, and definitions of terms and employ the same modes 26 of procedure, as are prescribed in Sections 2 (except the

definition of "retailer maintaining a place of business in 1 2 this State"), 3 through 3-80 (except provisions pertaining to the State rate of tax, and except provisions concerning 3 collection or refunding of the tax by retailers), 4, 11, 12, 4 5 12a, 14, 15, 19 (except the portions pertaining to claims by retailers and except the last paragraph concerning refunds), 6 7 20, 21, and 22 of the Use Tax Act, and are not inconsistent 8 with this paragraph, as fully as if those provisions were set 9 forth herein.

10 Whenever the Department determines that a refund should be 11 made under this paragraph to a claimant instead of issuing a 12 credit memorandum, the Department shall notify the State Comptroller, who shall cause the order to be drawn for the 13 14 amount specified, and to the person named in the notification 15 from the Department. The refund shall be paid by the State 16 Treasurer out of the Regional Transportation Authority tax 17 fund established under paragraph (n) of this Section.

(g-5) If, on January 1, 2025, a unit of local government 18 19 has in effect a tax under subsections (e), (f), and (g), or if, 20 after January 1, 2025, a unit of local government imposes a tax under subsections (e), (f), and (g), then that tax applies to 21 22 leases of tangible personal property in effect, entered into, 23 or renewed on or after that date in the same manner as the tax under this Section and in accordance with the changes made by 24 25 Public Act 103-592 this amendatory Act of the 103rd General 26 Assembly.

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(h) The Authority may impose a replacement vehicle tax of 1 2 \$50 on any passenger car as defined in Section 1-157 of the 3 Illinois Vehicle Code purchased within the metropolitan region by or on behalf of an insurance company to replace a passenger 4 5 car of an insured person in settlement of a total loss claim. The tax imposed may not become effective before the first day 6 7 of the month following the passage of the ordinance imposing the tax and receipt of a certified copy of the ordinance by the 8 9 Department of Revenue. The Department of Revenue shall collect 10 the tax for the Authority in accordance with Sections 3-2002 and 3-2003 of the Illinois Vehicle Code. 11

12 The Department shall immediately pay over to the State 13 Treasurer, ex officio, as trustee, all taxes collected 14 hereunder.

15 As soon as possible after the first day of each month, 16 beginning January 1, 2011, upon certification of the 17 of Revenue, the Comptroller shall Department order transferred, and the Treasurer shall transfer, to the STAR 18 Bonds Revenue Fund the local sales tax increment, as defined 19 20 in the Innovation Development and Economy Act, collected under this Section during the second preceding calendar month for 21 22 sales within a STAR bond district.

After the monthly transfer to the STAR Bonds Revenue Fund, on or before the 25th day of each calendar month, the Department shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller the disbursement of stated sums of money to the Authority. The

amount to be paid to the Authority shall be the amount 1 2 collected hereunder during the second preceding calendar month 3 by the Department, less any amount determined by the Department to be necessary for the payment of refunds, and 4 5 less any amounts that are transferred to the STAR Bonds Revenue Fund. Within 10 days after receipt by the Comptroller 6 7 of the disbursement certification to the Authority provided 8 for in this Section to be given to the Comptroller by the 9 Department, the Comptroller shall cause the orders to be drawn 10 for that amount in accordance with the directions contained in 11 the certification.

12 (i) The Board may not impose any other taxes except as it13 may from time to time be authorized by law to impose.

(j) A certificate of registration issued by the State 14 15 Department of Revenue to a retailer under the Retailers' 16 Occupation Tax Act or under the Service Occupation Tax Act 17 shall permit the registrant to engage in a business that is taxed under the tax imposed under paragraphs (b), (e), (f) or 18 (g) of this Section and no additional registration shall be 19 20 required under the tax. A certificate issued under the Use Tax 21 Act or the Service Use Tax Act shall be applicable with regard 22 to any tax imposed under paragraph (c) of this Section.

(k) The provisions of any tax imposed under paragraph (c) of this Section shall conform as closely as may be practicable to the provisions of the Use Tax Act, including, without limitation, conformity as to penalties with respect to the tax

imposed and as to the powers of the State Department of Revenue to promulgate and enforce rules and regulations relating to the administration and enforcement of the provisions of the tax imposed. The taxes shall be imposed only on use within the metropolitan region and at rates as provided in the paragraph.

6 (1) The Board in imposing any tax as provided in 7 paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section, shall, after seeking 8 the advice of the State Department of Revenue, provide means 9 for retailers, users or purchasers of motor fuel for purposes 10 other than those with regard to which the taxes may be imposed 11 as provided in those paragraphs to receive refunds of taxes 12 improperly paid, which provisions may be at variance with the 13 refund provisions as applicable under the Municipal Retailers 14 Occupation Tax Act. The State Department of Revenue may provide for certificates of registration for 15 users or 16 purchasers of motor fuel for purposes other than those with 17 regard to which taxes may be imposed as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this Section to facilitate the reporting and 18 19 nontaxability of the exempt sales or uses.

20 (m) Any ordinance imposing or discontinuing any tax under 21 this Section shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof 22 filed with the Department on or before June 1, whereupon the 23 Department of Revenue shall proceed to administer and enforce 24 this Section on behalf of the Regional Transportation 25 Authority as of September 1 next following such adoption and 26 filing. Beginning January 1, 1992, an ordinance or resolution

imposing or discontinuing the tax hereunder shall be adopted 1 2 and a certified copy thereof filed with the Department on or 3 before the first day of July, whereupon the Department shall proceed to administer and enforce this Section as of the first 4 5 day of October next following such adoption and filing. January 1, 1993, an ordinance or resolution 6 Beginning 7 imposing, increasing, decreasing, or discontinuing the tax 8 hereunder shall be adopted and a certified copy thereof filed 9 with the Department, whereupon the Department shall proceed to 10 administer and enforce this Section as of the first day of the 11 first month to occur not less than 60 days following such 12 adoption and filing. Any ordinance or resolution of the Authority imposing a tax under this Section and in effect on 13 August 1, 2007 shall remain in full force and effect and shall 14 15 be administered by the Department of Revenue under the terms 16 and conditions and rates of tax established by such ordinance 17 or resolution until the Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax under this Section as authorized by 18 Public Act 95-708. The tax rates authorized by Public Act 19 20 95-708 are effective only if imposed by ordinance of the 21 Authority.

(n) Except as otherwise provided in this subsection (n), the State Department of Revenue shall, upon collecting any taxes as provided in this Section, pay the taxes over to the State Treasurer as trustee for the Authority. The taxes shall be held in a trust fund outside the State Treasury. If an

airport-related purpose has been certified, taxes 1 and 2 penalties collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will counties on aviation fuel sold on or after December 1, 2019 3 from the 0.50% of the 0.75% rate shall be immediately paid over 4 5 by the Department to the State Treasurer, ex officio, as trustee, for deposit into the Local Government Aviation Trust 6 7 Fund. The Department shall only pay moneys into the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund under this Act for so long as 8 9 the revenue use requirements of 49 U.S.C. 47107(b) and 49 10 U.S.C. 47133 are binding on the Authority. On or before the 11 25th day of each calendar month, the State Department of 12 Revenue shall prepare and certify to the Comptroller of the 13 State of Illinois and to the Authority (i) the amount of taxes 14 collected in each county other than Cook County in the 15 metropolitan region, (not including, if an airport-related purpose has been certified, the taxes and penalties collected 16 17 from the 0.50% of the 0.75% rate on aviation fuel sold on or after December 1, 2019 that are deposited into the Local 18 Government Aviation Trust Fund) (ii) the amount of taxes 19 20 collected within the City of Chicago, and (iii) the amount collected in that portion of Cook County outside of Chicago, 21 22 each amount less the amount necessary for the payment of 23 refunds to taxpayers located in those areas described in items 24 (i), (ii), and (iii), and less 1.5% of the remainder, which 25 shall be transferred from the trust fund into the Tax 26 Compliance and Administration Fund. The Department, at the

time of each monthly disbursement to the Authority, shall 1 2 prepare and certify to the State Comptroller the amount to be transferred into the Tax Compliance and Administration Fund 3 under this subsection. Within 10 days after receipt by the 4 5 Comptroller of the certification of the amounts, the Comptroller shall cause an order to be drawn for the transfer 6 certified into the Tax Compliance 7 the amount of and 8 Administration Fund and the payment of two-thirds of the 9 amounts certified in item (i) of this subsection to the 10 Authority and one-third of the amounts certified in item (i) 11 of this subsection to the respective counties other than Cook 12 County and the amount certified in items (ii) and (iii) of this 13 subsection to the Authority.

14 In addition to the disbursement required by the preceding 15 paragraph, an allocation shall be made in July 1991 and each 16 year thereafter to the Regional Transportation Authority. The 17 allocation shall be made in an amount equal to the average monthly distribution during the preceding calendar year 18 19 (excluding the 2 months of lowest receipts) and the allocation 20 shall include the amount of average monthly distribution from 21 the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax 22 Replacement Fund. The distribution made in July 1992 and each 23 year thereafter under this paragraph and the preceding 24 paragraph shall be reduced by the amount allocated and 25 disbursed under this paragraph in the preceding calendar year. 26 The Department of Revenue shall prepare and certify to the

Comptroller for disbursement the allocations made in
 accordance with this paragraph.

3 (o) Failure to adopt a budget ordinance or otherwise to 4 comply with Section 4.01 of this Act or to adopt a Five-year 5 Capital Program or otherwise to comply with paragraph (b) of 6 Section 2.01 of this Act shall not affect the validity of any 7 tax imposed by the Authority otherwise in conformity with law.

8 (p) At no time shall a public transportation tax or motor 9 vehicle parking tax authorized under paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) of this Section be in effect at the same time as any 10 11 retailers' occupation, use or service occupation tax 12 authorized under paragraphs (e), (f), and (g) of this Section 13 is in effect.

14 Anv taxes imposed under the authority provided in 15 paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) shall remain in effect only until 16 the time as any tax authorized by paragraph (e), (f), or (g) of 17 this Section is are imposed and becomes effective. Once any tax authorized by paragraph (e), (f), or (g) is imposed the 18 19 Board may not reimpose taxes as authorized in paragraphs (b), 20 (c), and (d) of the Section unless any tax authorized by 21 paragraph (e), (f), or (g) of this Section becomes ineffective 22 by means other than an ordinance of the Board.

(q) Any existing rights, remedies and obligations
(including enforcement by the Regional Transportation
Authority) arising under any tax imposed under paragraph (b),
(c), or (d) of this Section shall not be affected by the

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3 (Source: P.A. 102-700, eff. 4-19-22; 103-592, eff. 1-1-25; 4 103-781, eff. 8-5-24; revised 11-26-24.)

5 (70 ILCS 3615/4.03.3)

Sec. 4.03.3. Distribution of Revenues. 6 This Section 7 applies only after the Department begins administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section 4.03(m) as authorized 8 9 by this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly. After 10 providing for payment of its obligations with respect to bonds 11 and notes issued under the provisions of Section 4.04 and 12 obligations related to those bonds and notes and separately 13 accounting for the tax on aviation fuel deposited into the Local Government Aviation Trust Fund, the Authority shall 14 15 disburse the remaining proceeds from taxes it has received 16 from the Department of Revenue under this Article IV and the remaining proceeds it has received from the State under 17 Section 4.09(a) as follows: 18

(a) With respect to taxes imposed by the Authority under Section 4.03, after withholding 15% of 80% of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook County at a rate of 1.25%, 15% of 75% of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook County at the rate of 1%, 15% of one-half of the receipts from those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties, and 15% of money received by the Authority from the 1 Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax 2 Replacement Fund or from the Regional Transportation Authority 3 tax fund created in Section 4.03(n), the Board shall allocate 4 the proceeds and money remaining to the Service Boards as 5 follows:

6 (1) an amount equal to (i) 85% of 80% of the receipts 7 from those taxes collected within the City of Chicago at a rate of 1.25%, (ii) 85% of 75% of the receipts from those 8 9 taxes collected in the City of Chicago at the rate of 1%, 10 and (iii) 85% of the money received by the Authority on 11 account of transfers to the Regional Transportation 12 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund or to the Regional Transportation Authority tax fund created in 13 14 Section 4.03(n) from the County and Mass Transit District 15 Fund attributable to retail sales within the City of 16 Chicago shall be allocated to the Chicago Transit 17 Authority;

(2) an amount equal to (i) 85% of 80% of the receipts 18 19 from those taxes collected within Cook County outside of the City of Chicago at a rate of 1.25%, (ii) 85% of 75% of 20 21 the receipts from those taxes collected within Cook County 22 outside the City of Chicago at a rate of 1%, and (iii) 85% 23 of the money received by the Authority on account of 24 transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority 25 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund or to the Regional 26 Transportation Authority tax fund created in Section 4.03(n) from the County and Mass Transit District Fund
 attributable to retail sales within Cook County outside of
 the City of Chicago shall be allocated 30% to the Chicago
 Transit Authority, 55% to the Commuter Rail Board, and 15%
 to the Suburban Bus Board; and

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

10 Moneys received by the Authority on account of (b) 11 transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation 12 and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall be allocated among the Authority and the 13 Service Boards as follows: 15% of such moneys shall be 14 15 retained by the Authority and the remaining 85% shall be 16 transferred to the Service Boards as soon as may be 17 practicable after the Authority receives payment. Moneys which are distributable to the Service Boards pursuant to the 18 19 preceding sentence shall be allocated among the Service Boards on the basis of each Service Board's distribution ratio. The 20 term "distribution ratio" means, for purposes of this 21 22 subsection (b), the ratio of the total amount distributed to a 23 Service Board pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 4.03.3 for the immediately preceding calendar year to the total amount 24 25 distributed to all of the Service Boards pursuant to subsection (a) of Section 4.03.3 for the immediately preceding 26

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1 calendar year.

2 (c) (i) 20% of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook County under Section 4.03 at the rate of 1.25%, (ii) 25% 3 of the receipts from those taxes collected in Cook County 4 5 under Section 4.03 at the rate of 1%, (iii) 50% of the receipts from those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and 6 Will Counties under Section 4.03, and (iv) amounts received 7 from the State under Section 4.09 (a) (2) and items (i), (ii), 8 9 and (iii) of Section 4.09 (a) (3) shall be allocated as 10 follows: the amount required to be deposited into the ADA 11 Paratransit Fund described in Section 2.01d, the amount 12 required to be deposited into the Suburban Community Mobility Fund described in Section 2.01e, and the amount required to be 13 deposited into the Innovation, Coordination and Enhancement 14 Fund described in Section 2.01c, and the balance shall be 15 16 allocated 48% to the Chicago Transit Authority, 39% to the 17 Commuter Rail Board, and 13% to the Suburban Bus Board.

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

(e) With respect to those taxes collected in DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will Counties and paid directly to the counties under Section 4.03, the County Board of each county shall use those amounts to fund operating and capital costs of public safety and public transportation services or facilities or to fund operating, capital, right-of-way, construction, and

maintenance costs of other transportation purposes, including 1 2 road, bridge, public safety, and transit purposes intended to 3 improve mobility or reduce congestion in the county. The receipt of funding by such counties pursuant to this paragraph 4 5 shall not be used as the basis for reducing any funds that such counties would otherwise have received from the State of 6 7 Illinois, any agency or instrumentality thereof, the 8 Authority, or the Service Boards.

9 (f) The Authority by ordinance adopted by 12 of its then 10 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative 11 vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 12 1, 2026 shall apportion to the Service Boards funds provided by the State of Illinois under Section 4.09(a)(1) as it shall 13 14 determine and shall make payment of the amounts to each 15 Service Board as soon as may be practicable upon their receipt 16 provided the Authority has adopted a balanced budget as 17 required by Section 4.01 and further provided the Service Board is in compliance with the requirements in Section 4.11. 18

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

(h) Moneys may be appropriated from the Public Transportation Fund to the Office of the Executive Inspector General for the costs incurred by the Executive Inspector General while serving as the inspector general for the

Authority and each of the Service Boards. Beginning December 31, 2012, and each year thereafter, the Office of the Executive Inspector General shall annually report to the General Assembly the expenses incurred while serving as the inspector general for the Authority and each of the Service Boards.

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

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8 (70 ILCS 3615/4.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.04)

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 Section, the term "notes" also includes bond anticipation 13 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 the following purposes: to pay costs to the Authority or a 17 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 Board incident to or incurred in connection with 23 such 24 construction or acquisition; to provide funds for anv transportation agency to pay principal of or interest or 25

redemption premium on any bonds or notes, whether as such 1 2 amounts become due or by earlier redemption, issued prior to 3 the date of this amendatory Act by such transportation agency to construct or acquire public transportation facilities or to 4 5 provide funds to purchase such bonds or notes; and to provide funds for any transportation agency to construct or acquire 6 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 other revenues or receipts of the Authority, in order to 16 17 provide money for the Authority or the Service Boards to cover any cash flow deficit which the Authority or a Service Board 18 anticipates incurring. Any such notes are referred to in this 19 20 Section as "Working Cash Notes". No Working Cash Notes shall be issued for a term of longer than 24 months. Proceeds of 21 22 Working Cash Notes may be used to pay day to day operating 23 expenses of the Authority or the Service Boards, consisting of wages, salaries, and fringe benefits, professional 24 and technical services (including legal, audit, engineering, and 25 other consulting services), office rental, furniture, fixtures 26

and equipment, insurance premiums, claims for self-insured 1 amounts under insurance policies, public utility obligations 2 3 for telephone, light, heat and similar items, travel expenses, office supplies, postage, dues, subscriptions, public hearings 4 5 and information expenses, fuel purchases, and payments of grants and payments under purchase of service agreements for 6 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 Service Board or any Working Cash Notes the proceeds of which 18 were used for the direct benefit of a Service Board or any 19 20 other Bonds or Notes of the Authority the proceeds of which were used for the direct benefit of a Service Board shall 21 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 direction of a Service Board to such Service Board as soon as 26

may be practicable after the proceeds are received. 1 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 premiums or accrued interest on such bonds or notes being 4 5 renewed, paid or refunded, and other costs in connection therewith. The Authority may also utilize the proceeds of any 6 7 bonds or notes to pay the legal, such 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 facilities, (including funds and rights relating thereto, as 13 provided in Section 2.05 of this Act) or in exchange for 14 outstanding bonds or notes of the Authority, including any 15 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 dates on which interest is payable, any sinking fund account 21 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

Authority shall determine or provide for the determination of 1 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 to the issuance thereof, none of which rates of interest shall 4 exceed that permitted in the Bond Authorization Act. Interest 5 may be payable at such times as are provided for by the Board. 6 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 shall mature at such time or times, within a period not to 13 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 of such bonds or notes. No bond anticipation note or any 18 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 Authority may provide for the registration of bonds or notes 21 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,

with bonds or notes which are registerable as to principal 1 2 only. All bonds or notes issued under this Section by the 3 Authority other than those issued in exchange for property or for bonds or notes of the Authority shall be sold at a price 4 5 which may be at a premium or discount but such that the interest cost (excluding any redemption premium) 6 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 deem. As such bonds or notes are to be sold the Authority shall 18 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

may be sold either upon competitive bidding or by negotiated 1 2 sale (without any requirement of publication of intention to 3 negotiate the sale of such Notes), as the Board shall determine by ordinance adopted with the affirmative votes of 4 5 at least 9 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of a simple majority of Directors, beginning 6 7 February 1, 2026. In case any officer whose signature appears 8 on any bonds, notes or coupons authorized pursuant to this 9 Section shall cease to be such officer before delivery of such 10 bonds or notes, such signature shall nevertheless be valid and 11 sufficient for all purposes, the same as if such officer had 12 remained in office until such delivery. Neither the Directors of the Authority nor any person executing any bonds or notes 13 14 thereof shall be liable personally on any such bonds or notes 15 or coupons by reason of the issuance thereof.

16 (c) All bonds or notes of the Authority issued pursuant to 17 this Section shall be general obligations of the Authority to which shall be pledged the full faith and credit of the 18 19 Authority, as provided in this Section. Such bonds or notes 20 shall be secured as provided in the authorizing ordinance, 21 which may, notwithstanding any other provision of this Act, 22 include in addition to any other security, a specific pledge 23 or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any or all 24 tax receipts of the Authority and on any or all other revenues 25 or moneys of the Authority from whatever source, which may by 26 law be utilized for debt service purposes and a specific

pledge or assignment of and lien on or security interest in any 1 2 funds or accounts established or provided for by the ordinance 3 of the Authority authorizing the issuance of such bonds or notes. Any such pledge, assignment, lien, or security interest 4 5 for the benefit of holders of bonds or notes of the Authority shall be valid and binding from the time the bonds or notes are 6 7 issued without any physical delivery or further act and shall 8 be valid and binding as against and prior to the claims of all 9 other parties having claims of any kind against the Authority 10 or any other person irrespective of whether such other parties 11 have notice of such pledge, assignment, lien, or security 12 interest. The obligations of the Authority incurred pursuant to this Section shall be superior to and have priority over any 13 14 other obligations of the Authority.

15 The Authority may provide in the ordinance authorizing the 16 issuance of any bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section 17 for the creation of, deposits in, and regulation and disposition of sinking fund or reserve accounts relating to 18 such bonds or notes. The ordinance authorizing the issuance of 19 20 any bonds or notes pursuant to this Section may contain provisions as part of the contract with the holders of the 21 22 bonds or notes, for the creation of a separate fund to provide 23 for the payment of principal and interest on such bonds or 24 notes and for the deposit in such fund from any or all the tax 25 receipts of the Authority and from any or all such other moneys 26 or revenues of the Authority from whatever source which may by

law be utilized for debt service purposes, all as provided in 1 such ordinance, of amounts to meet the debt 2 service requirements on such bonds or notes, including principal and 3 interest, and any sinking fund or reserve fund account 4 5 requirements as may be provided by such ordinance, and all expenses incident to or in connection with such fund and 6 accounts or the payment of such bonds or notes. Such ordinance 7 8 may also provide limitations on the issuance of additional 9 bonds or notes of the Authority. No such bonds or notes of the 10 Authority shall constitute a debt of the State of Illinois. Nothing in this Act shall be construed to enable the Authority 11 12 to impose any ad valorem tax on property.

13 The ordinance of the Authority authorizing (d) the issuance of any bonds or notes may provide additional security 14 15 for such bonds or notes by providing for appointment of a 16 corporate trustee (which may be any trust company or bank 17 having the powers of a trust company within the state) with respect to such bonds or notes. The ordinance shall prescribe 18 the rights, duties, and powers of the trustee to be exercised 19 20 for the benefit of the Authority and the protection of the holders of such bonds or notes. The ordinance may provide for 21 22 the trustee to hold in trust, invest, and use amounts in funds 23 and accounts created as provided by the ordinance with respect 24 to the bonds or notes. The ordinance may provide for the 25 assignment and direct payment to the trustee of any or all 26 amounts produced from the sources provided in Section 4.03 and

Section 4.09 of this Act and provided in Section 6z-17 of the 1 2 State Finance Act. Upon receipt of notice of any such 3 assignment, the Department of Revenue and the Comptroller of the State of Illinois shall thereafter, notwithstanding the 4 5 provisions of Section 4.03 and Section 4.09 of this Act and Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, provide for such 6 7 assigned amounts to be paid directly to the trustee instead of 8 the Authority, all in accordance with the terms of the 9 ordinance making the assignment. The ordinance shall provide 10 that amounts so paid to the trustee which are not required to 11 be deposited, held or invested in funds and accounts created 12 by the ordinance with respect to bonds or notes or used for paying bonds or notes to be paid by the trustee to the 13 14 Authority.

15 (e) Any bonds or notes of the Authority issued pursuant to 16 this Section shall constitute a contract between the Authority 17 and the holders from time to time of such bonds or notes. In issuing any bond or note, the Authority may include in the 18 19 ordinance authorizing such issue a covenant as part of the 20 contract with the holders of the bonds or notes, that as long as such obligations are outstanding, it shall make such 21 22 deposits, as provided in paragraph (c) of this Section. It may 23 also so covenant that it shall impose and continue to impose taxes, as provided in Section 4.03 of this Act and in addition 24 25 thereto as subsequently authorized by law, sufficient to make 26 such deposits and pay the principal and interest and to meet

other debt service requirements of such bonds or notes as they become due. A certified copy of the ordinance authorizing the issuance of any such obligations shall be filed at or prior to the issuance of such obligations with the Comptroller of the State of Illinois and the Illinois Department of Revenue.

(f) The State of Illinois pledges to and agrees with the 6 7 holders of the bonds and notes of the Authority issued 8 pursuant to this Section that the State will not limit or alter 9 the rights and powers vested in the Authority by this Act so as 10 to impair the terms of any contract made by the Authority with 11 such holders or in any way impair the rights and remedies of 12 such holders until such bonds and notes, together with 13 interest thereon, with interest on any unpaid installments of 14 interest, and all costs and expenses in connection with any 15 action or proceedings by or on behalf of such holders, are 16 fully met and discharged. In addition, the State pledges to 17 and agrees with the holders of the bonds and notes of the 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 20 paid to the Authority as provided in this Act, or the use of 21 such funds, so as to impair the terms of any such contract. The 22 Authority is authorized to include these pledges and 23 agreements of the State in any contract with the holders of 24 bonds or notes issued pursuant to this Section.

(g) (1) Except as provided in subdivisions (g) (2) and
(g) (3) of Section 4.04 of this Act, the Authority shall not at

any time issue, sell or deliver any bonds or notes (other than 1 2 Working Cash Notes and lines of credit) pursuant to this Section 4.04 which will cause 3 it to have issued and outstanding at any time in excess of \$800,000,000 of such 4 5 bonds and notes (other than Working Cash Notes and lines of credit). The Authority shall not issue, sell, or deliver any 6 7 Working Cash Notes or establish a line of credit pursuant to this Section that will cause it to have issued and outstanding 8 9 at any time in excess of \$100,000,000. However, the Authority 10 may issue, sell, and deliver additional Working Cash Notes or establish a line of credit before July 1, 2022 that are over 11 12 and above and in addition to the \$100,000,000 authorization such that the outstanding amount of these additional Working 13 Cash Notes and lines of credit does not exceed at any time 14 15 \$300,000,000. Bonds or notes which are being paid or retired 16 by such issuance, sale or delivery of bonds or notes, and bonds 17 or notes for which sufficient funds have been deposited with the paying agency of such bonds or notes to provide for payment 18 19 of principal and interest thereon or to provide for the 20 redemption thereof, all pursuant to the ordinance authorizing the issuance of such bonds or notes, shall not be considered to 21 22 be outstanding for the purposes of this subsection.

(2) In addition to the authority provided by paragraphs
(1) and (3), the Authority is authorized to issue, sell, and
deliver bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement
Projects approved pursuant to Section 4.13 as follows:

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| 1 | \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued on or after |
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| 2 | January 1, 1990; |
| 3 | an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued |
| 4 | on or after January 1, 1991; |
| 5 | an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued |
| 6 | on or after January 1, 1992; |
| 7 | an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued |
| 8 | on or after January 1, 1993; |
| 9 | an additional \$100,000,000 is authorized to be issued |
| 10 | on or after January 1, 1994; and |
| 11 | the aggregate total authorization of bonds and notes |
| | |

for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects as of January

13 1, 1994, shall be \$500,000,000.

The Authority is also authorized to issue, sell, and 14 15 deliver bonds or notes in such amounts as are necessary to 16 provide for the refunding or advance refunding of bonds or 17 notes issued for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects under this subdivision (q)(2), provided that no such refunding bond 18 or note shall mature later than the final maturity date of the 19 20 series of bonds or notes being refunded, and provided further that the debt service requirements for such refunding bonds or 21 22 notes in the current or any future fiscal year shall not exceed 23 the debt service requirements for that year on the refunded 24 bonds or notes.

(3) In addition to the authority provided by paragraphs
(1) and (2), the Authority is authorized to issue, sell, and

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deliver bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement
 Projects approved pursuant to Section 4.13 as follows:

3 \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued on or after 4 January 1, 2000;

an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued
on or after January 1, 2001;

7 an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued 8 on or after January 1, 2002;

9 an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued
10 on or after January 1, 2003;

an additional \$260,000,000 is authorized to be issued on or after January 1, 2004; and

13 the aggregate total authorization of bonds and notes 14 for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects pursuant to 15 this paragraph (3) as of January 1, 2004 shall be 16 \$1,300,000,000.

17 The Authority is also authorized to issue, sell, and deliver bonds or notes in such amounts as are necessary to 18 19 provide for the refunding or advance refunding of bonds or 20 notes issued for Strategic Capital Improvement projects under this subdivision (g)(3), provided that no such refunding bond 21 22 or note shall mature later than the final maturity date of the 23 series of bonds or notes being refunded, and provided further 24 that the debt service requirements for such refunding bonds or 25 notes in the current or any future fiscal year shall not exceed 26 the debt service requirements for that year on the refunded

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1 bonds or notes.

(h) The Authority, subject to the terms of any agreements
with noteholders or bond holders as may then exist, shall have
power, out of any funds available therefor, to purchase notes
or bonds of the Authority, which shall thereupon be cancelled.

6 (i) In addition to any other authority granted by law, the 7 State Treasurer may, with the approval of the Governor, invest 8 or reinvest, at a price not to exceed par, any State money in 9 Treasury which is not needed for the State current 10 expenditures due or about to become due in Working Cash Notes. 11 In the event of a default on a Working Cash Note issued by the 12 Regional Transportation Authority in which State money in the 13 State treasury was invested, the Treasurer may, after giving 14 notice to the Authority, certify to the Comptroller the 15 amounts of the defaulted Working Cash Note, in accordance with any applicable rules of the Comptroller, and the Comptroller 16 17 must deduct and remit to the State treasury the certified amounts or a portion of those amounts from the following 18 19 proportions of payments of State funds to the Authority:

(1) in the first year after default, one-third of the
total amount of any payments of State funds to the
Authority;

(2) in the second year after default, two-thirds of
the total amount of any payments of State funds to the
Authority; and

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(3) in the third year after default and for each year

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thereafter until the total invested amount is repaid, the total amount of any payments of State funds to the Authority.

(j) The Authority may establish a line of credit with a 4 5 bank or other financial institution as may be evidenced by the issuance of notes or other obligations, secured by and payable 6 7 from all tax receipts of the Authority and any or all other 8 revenues or moneys of the Authority, in an amount not to exceed 9 the limitations set forth in paragraph (1) of subsection (q). 10 Money borrowed under this subsection (j) shall be used to 11 provide money for the Authority or the Service Boards to cover 12 any cash flow deficit that the Authority or a Service Board anticipates incurring and shall be repaid within 24 months. 13

Before establishing a line of credit under this subsection 14 15 (j), the Authority shall authorize the line of credit by 16 ordinance. The ordinance shall set forth facts demonstrating 17 the need for the line of credit, state the amount to be borrowed, establish a maximum interest rate limit not to 18 19 exceed the maximum rate authorized by the Bond Authorization 20 Act, and provide a date by which the borrowed funds shall be repaid. The ordinance shall authorize and direct the relevant 21 22 officials to make arrangements to set apart and hold, as 23 applicable, the moneys that will be used to repay the 24 borrowing. In addition, the ordinance may authorize the 25 relevant officials to make partial repayments on the line of 26 credit as the moneys become available and may contain any 1 other terms, restrictions, or limitations desirable or 2 necessary to give effect to this subsection (j).

3 The Authority shall notify the Governor's Office of 4 Management and Budget and the State Comptroller at least 30 5 days before establishing a line of credit and shall file with 6 the Governor's Office of Management and Budget and the State 7 Comptroller a certified copy of any ordinance authorizing the 8 establishment of a line of credit upon or before establishing 9 the line of credit.

Moneys borrowed under a line of credit pursuant to this subsection (j) are general obligations of the Authority that are secured by the full faith and credit of the Authority. (Source: P.A. 101-485, eff. 8-23-19; 102-558, eff. 8-20-21.)

14 (70 ILCS 3615/4.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.09)

Sec. 4.09. Public Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund.

18 (a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), as 19 soon as possible after the first day of each month, beginning 20 July 1, 1984, upon certification of the Department of Revenue, 21 the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer 22 shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to a special fund 23 in the State Treasury to be known as the Public Transportation 24 Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the 25 deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts pursuant to

Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of 1 2 the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from any tax 3 imposed by the Authority pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 25% of the amounts deposited into the Regional 4 and 5 Transportation Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act, from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as 6 provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act and 25% of 7 8 amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation the 9 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the 10 State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section 11 6z-17 of the State Finance Act. On the first day of the month 12 following the date that the Department receives revenues from 13 increased taxes under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by Public 14 Act 95-708, in lieu of the transfers authorized in the 15 preceding sentence, upon certification of the Department of 16 Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the 17 Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net 18 revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer 19 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax 20 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, 21 22 realized from (i) 80% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the 23 Authority at a rate of 1.25% in Cook County, (ii) 75% of the 24 proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% 25 in Cook County, and (iii) one-third of the proceeds of any tax 26 imposed by the Authority at the rate of 0.75% in the Counties

of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to 1 2 Section 4.03, and 25% of the net revenue realized from any tax 3 imposed by the Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.1, and 25% of the amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation 4 5 Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 6 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 25% of the amounts 7 8 into the Regional Transportation Authority deposited 9 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and 10 Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the 11 State Finance Act. As used in this Section, net revenue 12 realized for a month shall be the revenue collected by the State pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 during the previous 13 month from within the metropolitan region, less the amount 14 15 paid out during that same month as refunds to taxpayers for 16 overpayment of liability in the metropolitan region under 17 Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (1) of subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

(2) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), on
 February 1, 2009 (the first day of the month following the

effective date Public Act 95-708) and 1 of each month 2 thereafter, upon certification by the Department of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer 3 shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Public 4 5 Transportation Fund an amount equal to 5% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts 6 7 pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and 8 Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from 9 any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 10 4.03.1 and certified by the Department of Revenue under 11 Section 4.03(n) of this Act to be paid to the Authority and 5% 12 of the amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act from the 13 County and Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 14 15 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 5% of the amounts deposited 16 into the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use 17 Tax Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, and 18 19 5% of the revenue realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as 20 financial assistance from the City of Chicago from the proceeds of any tax imposed by the City of Chicago under 21 22 Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (2) of subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the

Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall
 be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as
 the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

(3) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), as soon 4 5 as possible after the first day of January, 2009 and each month thereafter, upon certification of the Department of Revenue 6 7 with respect to the taxes collected under Section 4.03, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall 8 9 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Public 10 Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts 11 12 pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and 13 Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from 14 (i) 20% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at 15 a rate of 1.25% in Cook County, (ii) 25% of the proceeds of any 16 tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% in Cook County, 17 and (iii) one-third of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 0.75% in the Counties of DuPage, Kane, 18 19 Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to Section 4.03, and the 20 Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall 21 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Public 22 Transportation Fund (iv) an amount equal to 25% of the revenue 23 realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as financial 24 assistance from the City of Chicago from the proceeds of any 25 tax imposed by the City of Chicago under Section 8-3-19 of the 26 Illinois Municipal Code.

Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, beginning on July 6, 2017 (the effective date of Public Act 100-23), those amounts required under this paragraph (3) of subsection (a) to be transferred by the Treasurer into the Public Transportation Fund from the General Revenue Fund shall be directly deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as the revenues are realized from the taxes indicated.

(4) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, 8 9 for the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024 and each State 10 fiscal year thereafter, the first \$150,000,000 that would have 11 otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund and 12 deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as provided in 13 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall 14 instead be transferred from the Road Fund by the Treasurer 15 upon certification by the Department of Revenue and order of 16 the Comptroller. For the State fiscal year beginning July 1, 17 2024, only, the next \$75,000,000 that would have otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund and deposited 18 into the Public Transportation Fund as provided in paragraphs 19 (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall instead be 20 transferred from the Road Fund and deposited into the Public 21 22 Transportation Fund by the Treasurer upon certification by the 23 Department of Revenue and order of the Comptroller. The funds authorized and transferred pursuant to this amendatory Act of 24 25 the 103rd General Assembly are not intended or planned for 26 road construction projects. For the State fiscal year

beginning July 1, 2024, only, the next \$50,000,000 that would 1 2 have otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund 3 and deposited into the Public Transportation Fund as provided in paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) shall 4 5 instead be transferred from the Underground Storage Tank Fund and deposited into the Public Transportation Fund by the 6 7 Treasurer upon certification by the Department of Revenue and 8 order of the Comptroller. The remaining balance shall be 9 deposited each State fiscal year as otherwise provided in 10 paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a).

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13 (7) For State fiscal year 2020 only, notwithstanding any 14 provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue 15 and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues 16 realized during State fiscal year 2020 shall be reduced by 5%.

17 (8) For State fiscal year 2021 only, notwithstanding any 18 provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue 19 and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues 20 realized during State fiscal year 2021 shall be reduced by 5%.

(b) (1) All moneys deposited in the Public Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund, whether deposited pursuant to this Section or otherwise, are allocated to the Authority, except for amounts appropriated to the Office of the Executive Inspector General as authorized by subsection (h) of Section

1 4.03.3 and amounts transferred to the Audit Expense Fund 2 pursuant to Section 6z-27 of the State Finance Act. The Comptroller, as soon as possible after each monthly transfer 3 provided in this Section and after each deposit into the 4 5 Public Transportation Fund, shall order the Treasurer to pay to the Authority out of the Public Transportation Fund the 6 7 amount so transferred or deposited. Any Additional State 8 Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance paid to the 9 Authority under this Section shall be expended by the 10 Authority for its purposes as provided in this Act. The 11 balance of the amounts paid to the Authority from the Public 12 Transportation Fund shall be expended by the Authority as 13 provided in Section 4.03.3. The Comptroller, as soon as 14 possible after each deposit into the Regional Transportation 15 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided in 16 this Section and Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, shall 17 order the Treasurer to pay to the Authority out of the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement 18 19 Fund the amount so deposited. Such amounts paid to the 20 Authority may be expended by it for its purposes as provided in this Act. The provisions directing the distributions from the 21 22 Public Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation 23 Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided for in this Section shall constitute an irrevocable and continuing 24 25 appropriation of all amounts as provided herein. The State 26 Treasurer and State Comptroller are hereby authorized and

directed to make distributions as provided in this Section. 1 2 (2) Provided, however, no moneys deposited under subsection 3 of this Section shall be paid from the (a) Public Transportation Fund to the Authority or its assignee for any 4 5 fiscal year until the Authority has certified to the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Mayor of the City of Chicago that it 6 7 has adopted for that fiscal year an Annual Budget and Two-Year 8 Financial Plan meeting the requirements in Section 4.01(b).

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9 (c) In recognition of the efforts of the Authority to 10 enhance the mass transportation facilities under its control, 11 the State shall provide financial assistance ("Additional 12 State Assistance") in excess of the amounts transferred to the Authority from the General Revenue Fund under subsection (a) 13 14 this Section. Additional State Assistance shall be of 15 calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no 16 event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to the following State fiscal years: 17

| 18 | 1990 | \$5,000,000; |
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| 19 | 1991 | \$5,000,000; |
| 20 | 1992 | \$10,000,000; |
| 21 | 1993 | \$10,000,000; |
| 22 | 1994 | \$20,000,000; |
| 23 | 1995 | \$30,000,000; |
| 24 | 1996 | \$40,000,000; |
| 25 | 1997 | \$50,000,000; |
| 26 | 1998 | \$55,000,000; and |

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\$55,000,000. 1 each year thereafter 2 (c-5)The State shall provide financial assistance 3 ("Additional Financial Assistance") in addition to the Additional State Assistance provided by subsection (c) and the 4 5 amounts transferred to the Authority from the General Revenue subsection (a) of this Section. 6 Fund under Additional 7 Financial Assistance provided by this subsection shall be calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no 8 event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to 9 10 the following State fiscal years: 11 2000 \$0; \$16,000,000; 12 2001 2002 \$35,000,000; 13 2003 \$54,000,000; 14

152004\$73,000,000;162005\$93,000,000; and17each year thereafter\$100,000,000.

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(d) Beginning with State fiscal year 1990 and continuing
for each State fiscal year thereafter, the Authority shall
annually certify to the State Comptroller and State Treasurer,
separately with respect to each of subdivisions (g)(2) and
(g)(3) of Section 4.04 of this Act, the following amounts:

(1) The amount necessary and required, during the
State fiscal year with respect to which the certification
is made, to pay its obligations for debt service on all
outstanding bonds or notes issued by the Authority under

subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) of Section 4.04 of this
Act.

3 (2) An estimate of the amount necessary and required
4 to pay its obligations for debt service for any bonds or
5 notes which the Authority anticipates it will issue under
6 subdivisions (g) (2) and (g) (3) of Section 4.04 during that
7 State fiscal year.

8 (3) Its debt service savings during the preceding 9 State fiscal year from refunding or advance refunding of 10 bonds or notes issued under subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) 11 of Section 4.04.

12 (4) The amount of interest, if any, earned by the 13 Authority during the previous State fiscal year on the 14 proceeds of bonds or notes issued pursuant to subdivisions 15 (g) (2) and (g) (3) of Section 4.04, other than refunding or 16 advance refunding bonds or notes.

The certification shall include a specific schedule of debt service payments, including the date and amount of each payment for all outstanding bonds or notes and an estimated schedule of anticipated debt service for all bonds and notes it intends to issue, if any, during that State fiscal year, including the estimated date and estimated amount of each payment.

Immediately upon the issuance of bonds for which an estimated schedule of debt service payments was prepared, the Authority shall file an amended certification with respect to item (2) above, to specify the actual schedule of debt service payments, including the date and amount of each payment, for the remainder of the State fiscal year.

On the first day of each month of the State fiscal year in 4 5 which there are bonds outstanding with respect to which the certification is made, the State Comptroller shall order 6 transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer from the 7 8 Road Fund to the Public Transportation Fund the Additional 9 State Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance in an 10 amount equal to the aggregate of (i) one-twelfth of the sum of 11 the amounts certified under items (1) and (3) above less the 12 amount certified under item (4) above, plus (ii) the amount required to pay debt service on bonds and notes issued during 13 14 the fiscal year, if any, divided by the number of months 15 remaining in the fiscal year after the date of issuance, or 16 some smaller portion as may be necessary under subsection (c) 17 or (c-5) of this Section for the relevant State fiscal year, plus (iii) any cumulative deficiencies in transfers for prior 18 19 months, until an amount equal to the sum of the amounts 20 certified under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt service certified under item (2) above, less the amount 21 22 certified under item (4) above, has been transferred; except 23 that these transfers are subject to the following limits:

(A) In no event shall the total transfers in any State
fiscal year relating to outstanding bonds and notes issued
by the Authority under subdivision (g)(2) of Section 4.04

exceed the lesser of the annual maximum amount specified in subsection (c) or the sum of the amounts certified under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt service certified under item (2) above, less the amount certified under item (4) above, with respect to those bonds and notes.

7 (B) In no event shall the total transfers in any State fiscal year relating to outstanding bonds and notes issued 8 9 by the Authority under subdivision (q)(3) of Section 4.04 10 exceed the lesser of the annual maximum amount specified 11 in subsection (c-5) or the sum of the amounts certified 12 under items (1) and (3) above, plus the actual debt service certified under item (2) above, less the amount 13 14 certified under item (4) above, with respect to those 15 bonds and notes.

16 The term "outstanding" does not include bonds or notes for 17 which refunding or advance refunding bonds or notes have been 18 issued.

(e) Neither Additional State Assistance nor Additional 19 20 Financial Assistance may be pledged, either directly or 21 indirectly as general revenues of the Authority, as security 22 for any bonds issued by the Authority. The Authority may not 23 assign its right to receive Additional State Assistance or 24 Additional Financial Assistance, or direct payment of 25 Additional State Assistance or Additional Financial 26 Assistance, to a trustee or any other entity for the payment of 1 debt service on its bonds.

(f) The certification required under subsection (d) with respect to outstanding bonds and notes of the Authority shall be filed as early as practicable before the beginning of the State fiscal year to which it relates. The certification shall be revised as may be necessary to accurately state the debt service requirements of the Authority.

8 (g) Within 6 months of the end of each fiscal year, the 9 Authority shall determine:

10 (i) whether the aggregate of all system generated 11 revenues for public transportation in the metropolitan 12 region which is provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts with, the Service Boards equals 50% of 13 14 the aggregate of all costs of providing such public 15 transportation. For fiscal years 2026 and 2027, the 16 Authority shall determine if all system generated revenues 17 for public transportation in the metropolitan region which 18 is provided by, or under grant or purchase of service 19 contracts with, the Service Boards equals 25% of the 20 aggregate of all costs of providing such public 21 transportation. For fiscal years 2028 and 2029 and every 22 year thereafter, the Authority shall determine if all 23 system generated revenues for public transportation in the 24 metropolitan region that is provided by, or under grant or 25 purchase of service contracts with, the Service Boards 26 equals 15% of the aggregate of all costs of providing such

| 1 | public transportation. Prior to the beginning of fiscal |
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| 2 | year 2030, the General Assembly shall reevaluate and |
| 3 | determine the appropriate system generated revenues |
| 4 | recovery ratio for future years. "System generated |
| 5 | revenues" include all the proceeds of fares and charges |
| 6 | for services provided, contributions received in |
| 7 | connection with public transportation from units of local |
| 8 | government other than the Authority, except for |
| 9 | contributions received by the Chicago Transit Authority |
| 10 | from a real estate transfer tax imposed under subsection |
| 11 | (i) of Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and |
| 12 | from the State pursuant to subsection (i) of Section |
| 13 | 2705-305 of the Department of Transportation Law, and all |
| 14 | other revenues properly included consistent with generally |
| 15 | accepted accounting principles but may not include: the |
| 16 | proceeds from any borrowing, and, beginning with the 2007 |
| 17 | fiscal year, all revenues and receipts, including but not |
| 18 | limited to fares and grants received from the federal, |
| 19 | State or any unit of local government or other entity, |
| 20 | derived from providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to |
| 21 | Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. |
| 22 | "Costs" include all items properly included as operating |
| 23 | costs consistent with generally accepted accounting |
| 24 | principles, including administrative costs, but do not |
| 25 | include: depreciation; payment of principal and interest |
| 26 | on bonds, notes or other evidences of obligations for |

borrowed money of the Authority; payments with respect to 1 2 public transportation facilities made pursuant to 3 subsection (b) of Section 2.20; any payments with respect rate protection contracts, credit enhancements or 4 to 5 liquidity agreements made under Section 4.14; any other 6 cost as to which it is reasonably expected that a cash 7 expenditure will not be made; costs for passenger security 8 including grants, contracts, personnel, equipment and 9 administrative expenses, except in the case of the Chicago 10 Transit Authority, in which case the term does not include 11 costs spent annually by that entity for protection against 12 crime as required by Section 27a of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; the costs of Debt Service paid by 13 14 the Chicago Transit Authority, as defined in Section 12c 15 of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, or bonds or 16 notes issued pursuant to that Section; the payment by the Commuter Rail Division of debt service on bonds issued 17 pursuant to Section 3B.09; expenses incurred by the 18 new public 19 Suburban Bus Division for the cost of 20 transportation services funded from grants pursuant to 21 Section 2.01e of this Act for a period of 2 years from the 22 date of initiation of each such service; costs as exempted 23 by the Board for projects pursuant to Section 2.09 of this 24 Act; or, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, expenses 25 related to providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to 26 Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act;

or in fiscal years 2008 through 2012 inclusive, costs in 1 2 the amount of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2008, reducing 3 by \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year thereafter until this exemption is eliminated; and expenses incurred by any and 4 5 all Service Boards for the cost of new public transportation services for a period of 2 years from the 6 date of initiation of each such service. If said system 7 generated revenues are less than 50% of said costs, the 8 9 Board shall remit an amount equal to the amount of the 10 deficit to the State; however, due to the fiscal impacts 11 from the COVID-19 pandemic, for fiscal years 2021, 2022, 12 2023, 2024, and 2025, no such payment shall be required. 13 The Treasurer shall deposit any such payment in the Road 14 Fund; and

(ii) whether, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, the aggregate of all fares charged and received for ADA paratransit services equals the system generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio percentage of the aggregate of all costs of providing such ADA paratransit services, as required under subsection (b) of Section.

(h) If the Authority makes any payment to the State under paragraph (g), the Authority shall reduce the amount provided to a Service Board from funds transferred under paragraph (a) in proportion to the amount by which that Service Board failed to meet its required system generated revenues recovery ratio. A Service Board which is affected by a reduction in funds under this paragraph shall submit to the Authority concurrently with its next due quarterly report a revised budget incorporating the reduction in funds. The revised budget must meet the criteria specified in clauses (i) through (vi) of Section 4.11(b)(2). The Board shall review and act on the revised budget as provided in Section 4.11(b)(3).

8 (Source: P.A. 102-678, eff. 12-10-21; 103-281, eff. 1-1-24;
9 103-588, eff. 6-5-24.)

10 (70 ILCS 3615/4.11) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.11)

11 Sec. 4.11. Budget Review Powers.

12 (a) Based upon estimates which shall be given to the 13 Authority by the Director of the Governor's Office of 14 Management and Budget (formerly Bureau of the Budget) of the 15 receipts to be received by the Authority from the taxes 16 imposed by the Authority and the authorized estimates of amounts to be available from State and other sources to the 17 18 Service Boards, and the times at which such receipts and 19 amounts will be available, the Board shall, not later than the 20 next preceding September 15th prior to the beginning of the 21 Authority's next fiscal year, advise each Service Board of the 22 amounts estimated by the Board to be available for such 23 Service Board during such fiscal year and the two following 24 fiscal years and the times at which such amounts will be 25 available. The Board shall, at the same time, also advise each

its required system generated revenues 1 Service Board of 2 recovery ratio for the next fiscal year which shall be the 3 percentage of the aggregate costs of providing public transportation by or under jurisdiction of that Service Board 4 5 which must be recovered from system generated revenues. The time, 6 Board shall, at the same consider the written 7 determination of the Executive Director, made pursuant to 8 Section 2.01d, of the costs of ADA paratransit services that 9 are required to be provided under the federal Americans with 10 Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations, and 11 shall amend the current year budgets of the Authority and the 12 Service Boards to provide for additional funding for the provision of ADA paratransit services, if needed. The Board 13 14 shall, at the same time, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, 15 also advise each Service Board that provides ADA paratransit 16 services of its required system generated ADA paratransit 17 services revenue recovery ratio for the next fiscal year which shall be the percentage of the aggregate costs of providing 18 ADA paratransit services by or under jurisdiction of that 19 Service Board which must be recovered from fares charged for 20 21 such services, except that such required system generated ADA 22 paratransit services revenue recovery ratio shall not exceed 23 minimum percentage established pursuant to Section the 4.01(b)(ii) of this Act. In determining a Service Board's 24 25 system generated revenue recovery ratio, the Board shall 26 consider the historical system generated revenues recovery

ratio for the services subject to the jurisdiction of that 1 2 Service Board. The Board shall not increase a Service Board's system generated revenues recovery ratio for the next fiscal 3 such ratio for the current fiscal 4 vear over vear disproportionately or prejudicially to increases in such 5 ratios for other Service Boards. The Board may, by ordinance, 6 7 provide that (i) the cost of research and development projects 8 in the fiscal year beginning January 1, 1986 and ending 9 December 31, 1986 conducted pursuant to Section 2.09 of this 10 Act, (ii) the costs for passenger security, and (iii) 11 expenditures of amounts granted to a Service Board from the 12 Innovation, Coordination, and Enhancement Fund for operating 13 purposes may be exempted from the farebox recovery ratio or 14 the system generated revenues recovery ratio of the Chicago 15 Transit Authority, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Commuter 16 Rail Board, or any of them. During fiscal years 2008 through 17 2012, the Board may also allocate the exemption of \$200,000,000 and the reducing amounts of costs provided by 18 this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly from the 19 20 farebox recovery ratio or system generated revenues recovery ratio of each Service Board. 21

(b) (1) Not later than the next preceding November 15 prior to the commencement of such fiscal year, each Service Board shall submit to the Authority its proposed budget for such fiscal year and its proposed financial plan for the two following fiscal years. Such budget and financial plan shall

(i) be prepared in the format, follow the financial and budgetary practices, and be based on any assumptions and projections required by the Authority and (ii) not project or assume a receipt of revenues from the Authority in amounts greater than those set forth in the estimates provided by the Authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this Section.

7 (2) The Board shall review the proposed budget and 8 two-year financial plan submitted by each Service Board. The 9 Board shall approve the budget and two-year financial plan of 10 a Service Board if:

11 (i) such budget and plan show a balance between (A) 12 anticipated revenues from all sources including operating 13 subsidies and (B) the costs of providing the services 14 specified and of funding any operating deficits or 15 encumbrances incurred in prior periods, including 16 provision for payment when due of principal and interest 17 on outstanding indebtedness;

18 (ii) such budget and plan show cash balances including 19 the proceeds of any anticipated cash flow borrowing 20 sufficient to pay with reasonable promptness all costs and 21 expenses as incurred;

(iii) such budget and plan provide for a level of fares or charges and operating or administrative costs for the public transportation provided by or subject to the jurisdiction of such Service Board sufficient to allow the Service Board to meet its required system generated

revenue recovery ratio and, beginning with the 2007 fiscal
 year, system generated ADA paratransit services revenue
 recovery ratio;

4 (iv) such budget and plan are based upon and employ 5 assumptions and projections which are reasonable and 6 prudent;

7 (v) such budget and plan have been prepared in
8 accordance with sound financial practices as determined by
9 the Board;

10 (vi) such budget and plan meet such other financial, 11 budgetary, or fiscal requirements that the Board may by 12 rule or regulation establish; and

13 (vii) such budget and plan are consistent with the 14 goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the 15 Strategic Plan.

16 (3) (Blank).

17 (4) Unless the Board by an affirmative vote of 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 18 19 affirmative vote of at least 14 of it then Directors, 20 beginning February 1, 2026, determines that the budget and financial plan of a Service Board meets the criteria specified 21 22 in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of this 23 paragraph (b), the Board shall withhold from that Service 24 Board 25% of the cash proceeds of taxes imposed by the 25 Authority under Section 4.03 and Section 4.03.1 and received 26 after February 1 and 25% of the amounts transferred to the

Authority from the Public Transportation Fund under Section 1 2 4.09(a) (but not including Section 4.09(a)(3)(iv)) after February 1 that the Board has estimated to be available to that 3 Service Board under Section 4.11(a). Such funding shall be 4 5 released to the Service Board only upon approval of a budget and financial plan under this Section or adoption of a budget 6 7 and financial plan on behalf of the Service Board by the 8 Authority.

9 (5) If the Board has not found that the budget and 10 financial plan of a Service Board meets the criteria specified 11 in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of this 12 paragraph (b), the Board, by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the 13 14 affirmative vote of at least 14 of it then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, shall adopt a budget and financial 15 16 plan meeting such criteria for that Service Board.

17 (c)(1) If the Board shall at any time have received a revised estimate, or revises any estimate the Board has made, 18 19 pursuant to this Section of the receipts to be collected by the 20 Authority which, in the judgment of the Board, requires a change in the estimates on which the budget of any Service 21 Board is based, the Board shall advise the affected Service 22 23 Board of such revised estimates, and such Service Board shall within 30 days after receipt of such advice submit a revised 24 25 budget incorporating such revised estimates. If the revised 26 estimates require, in the judgment of the Board, that the

1 system generated revenues recovery ratio of one or more 2 Service Boards be revised in order to allow the Authority to 3 meet its required ratio, the Board shall advise any such 4 Service Board of its revised ratio and such Service Board 5 shall within 30 days after receipt of such advice submit a 6 revised budget incorporating such revised estimates or ratio.

7 (2) Each Service Board shall, within such period after the 8 end of each fiscal quarter as shall be specified by the Board, 9 report to the Authority its financial condition and results of 10 operations and the financial condition and results of 11 operations of the public transportation services subject to 12 its jurisdiction, as at the end of and for such quarter. If in 13 the judgment of the Board such condition and results are not substantially in accordance with such Service Board's budget 14 15 for such period, the Board shall so advise such Service Board 16 and such Service Board shall within the period specified by 17 the Board submit a revised budget incorporating such results.

(3) If the Board shall determine that a revised budget 18 19 submitted by a Service Board pursuant to subparagraph (1) or 20 (2) of this paragraph (c) does not meet the criteria specified 21 in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph 22 (b) of this Section, the Board shall withhold from that 23 Service Board 25% of the cash proceeds of taxes imposed by the Authority under Section 4.03 or 4.03.1 and received by the 24 25 Authority after February 1 and 25% of the amounts transferred 26 to the Authority from the Public Transportation Fund under

Section 4.09(a) (but not including Section 4.09(a)(3)(iv)) 1 2 after February 1 that the Board has estimated to be available to that Service Board under Section 4.11(a). If the Service 3 Board submits a revised financial plan and budget which plan 4 5 and budget shows that the criteria will be met within a four quarter period, the Board shall release any such withheld 6 7 funds to the Service Board. The Board by the affirmative vote 8 of at least 12 of its then Directors, prior to February 1, 9 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of its then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026, may require a Service 10 11 Board to submit a revised financial plan and budget which 12 shows that the criteria will be met in a time period less than four quarters. 13

14 (d) All budgets and financial plans, financial statements, 15 audits and other information presented to the Authority 16 pursuant to this Section or which may be required by the Board 17 to permit it to monitor compliance with the provisions of this Section shall be prepared and presented in such manner and 18 19 frequency and in such detail as shall have been prescribed by 20 the Board, shall be prepared on both an accrual and cash flow 21 basis as specified by the Board, shall present such 22 information as the Authority shall prescribe that fairly 23 presents the condition of any pension plan or trust for health care benefits with respect to retirees established by the 24 25 Service Board and describes the plans of the Service Board to meet the requirements of Sections 4.02a and 4.02b, and shall 26

identify and describe the assumptions and projections employed 1 2 in the preparation thereof to the extent required by the Board. If the Executive Director certifies that a Service 3 Board has not presented its budget and two-year financial plan 4 5 in conformity with the rules adopted by the Authority under the provisions of Section 4.01(f) and this subsection (d), and 6 7 such certification is accepted by the affirmative vote of at 8 least 12 of the then Directors of the Authority, prior to 9 February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of 10 the then Directors of the Authority, beginning February 1, 11 2026, the Authority shall not distribute to that Service Board 12 any funds for operating purposes in excess of the amounts distributed for such purposes to the Service Board in the 13 14 previous fiscal year. Except when the Board adopts a budget 15 and a financial plan for a Service Board under paragraph 16 (b)(5), a Service Board shall provide for such levels of 17 transportation services and fares or charges therefor as it deems appropriate and necessary in the preparation of a budget 18 and financial plan meeting the criteria set forth in clauses 19 20 (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of this Section. The Authority shall have access to and the right to 21 22 examine and copy all books, documents, papers, records, or 23 other source data of a Service Board relevant to any information submitted pursuant to this Section. 24

(e) Whenever this Section requires the Board to make
 determinations with respect to estimates, budgets or financial

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plans, or rules or regulations with respect thereto such 1 2 determinations shall be made upon the affirmative vote of at 3 least 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of the then Directors, 4 5 beginning February 1, 2026 and shall be incorporated in a 6 written report of the Board and such report shall be submitted within 10 days after such determinations are made to the 7 8 Governor, the Mayor of Chicago (if such determinations relate 9 to the Chicago Transit Authority), and the Auditor General of 10 Illinois.

11 (Source: P.A. 97-399, eff. 8-16-11.)

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12 (70 ILCS 3615/4.13) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.13)

13 Sec. 4.13. Annual Capital Improvement Plan.

(a) With respect to each calendar year, the Authority
shall prepare as part of its Five Year Program an Annual
Capital Improvement Plan (the "Plan") which shall describe its
intended development and implementation of the Strategic
Capital Improvement Program. The Plan shall include the
following information:

20 (i) a list of projects for which approval is sought 21 from the Governor, with a description of each project 22 stating at a minimum the project cost, its category, its 23 location and the entity responsible for its 24 implementation;

(ii) a certification by the Authority that the

Authority and the Service Boards have applied for all grants, loans and other moneys made available by the federal government or the State of Illinois during the preceding federal and State fiscal years for financing its capital development activities;

(iii) a certification that, as of September 30 of the 6 7 preceding calendar year or any later date, the balance of all federal capital grant funds and all other funds to be 8 9 used as matching funds therefor which were committed to or 10 possessed by the Authority or a Service Board but which 11 had not been obligated was less than \$350,000,000, or a 12 greater amount as authorized in writing by the Governor (for purposes of this subsection (a), "obligated" means 13 14 committed to be paid by the Authority or a Service Board 15 under a contract with a nongovernmental entity in 16 connection with the performance of a project or committed 17 under a force account plan approved by the federal 18 government);

(iv) a certification that the Authority has adopted a balanced budget with respect to such calendar year under Section 4.01 of this Act;

(v) a schedule of all bonds or notes previously issued
for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects and all debt
service payments to be made with respect to all such bonds
and the estimated additional debt service payments through
June 30 of the following calendar year expected to result

1 from bonds to be sold prior thereto;

2 (vi) a long-range summary of the Strategic Capital 3 Improvement Program describing the projects to be funded the Program with respect to project cost, 4 through 5 category, location, and implementing entity, and presenting a financial plan including an estimated time 6 schedule for obligating funds for the performance of 7 8 approved projects, issuing bonds, expending bond proceeds 9 and paying debt service throughout the duration of the 10 Program; and

(vii) the source of funding for each project in the Plan. For any project for which full funding has not yet been secured and which is not subject to a federal full funding contract, the Authority must identify alternative, dedicated funding sources available to complete the project. The Governor may waive this requirement on a project by project basis.

(b) The Authority shall submit the Plan with respect to 18 any calendar year to the Governor on or before January 15 of 19 20 that year, or as soon as possible thereafter; provided, however, that the Plan shall be adopted on the affirmative 21 22 votes of 12 of the then Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, 23 and by the affirmative vote of at least 14 of the then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026. The Plan may be revised 24 25 or amended at any time, but any revision in the projects 26 approved shall require the Governor's approval.

(c) The Authority shall seek approval from the Governor 1 2 only through the Plan or an amendment thereto. The Authority shall not request approval of the Plan from the Governor in any 3 calendar year in which it is unable to make the certifications 4 5 required under items (ii), (iii) and (iv) of subsection (a). 6 In no event shall the Authority seek approval of the Plan from 7 the Governor for projects in an aggregate amount exceeding the proceeds of bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement 8 9 Projects issued under Section 4.04 of this Act.

10 (d) The Governor may approve the Plan for which approval 11 is requested. The Governor's approval is limited to the amount 12 of the project cost stated in the Plan. The Governor shall not 13 approve the Plan in a calendar year if the Authority is unable to make the certifications required under items (ii), (iii) 14 15 and (iv) of subsection (a). In no event shall the Governor 16 approve the Plan for projects in an aggregate amount exceeding 17 the proceeds of bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects issued under Section 4.04 of this Act. 18

(e) With respect to capital improvements, only those
capital improvements which are in a Plan approved by the
Governor shall be financed with the proceeds of bonds or notes
issued for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects.

(f) Before the Authority or a Service Board obligates any funds for a project for which the Authority or Service Board intends to use the proceeds of bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects, but which project is not included in an approved Plan, the Authority must notify the Governor of the intended obligation. No project costs incurred prior to approval of the Plan including that project may be paid from the proceeds of bonds or notes for Strategic Capital Improvement Projects issued under Section 4.04 of this Act. (Source: P.A. 94-839, eff. 6-6-06; 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

7 (70 ILCS 3615/4.14) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.14)

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8 Sec. 4.14. Rate Protection Contract. "Rate Protection 9 Contract" means interest rate price exchange agreements; 10 currency exchange agreements; forward payment conversion 11 agreements; contracts providing for payment or receipt of 12 funds based on levels of, or changes in, interest rates, currency exchange rates, stock or other indices; contracts to 13 14 exchange cash flows or a series of payments; contracts, 15 including without limitation, interest rate caps; interest 16 rate floor; interest rate locks; interest rate collars; rate 17 of return guarantees or assurances, to manage payment, 18 currency, rate, spread or similar exposure; the obligation, right, or option to issue, put, lend, sell, grant a security 19 20 interest in, buy, borrow or otherwise acquire, a bond, note or 21 other security or interest therein as an investment, as 22 collateral, as a hedge, or otherwise as a source or assurance of payment to or by the Authority or as a reduction of the 23 obligor's risk 24 Authority's or an exposure; repurchase agreements; securities lending agreements; 25 and other

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agreements or arrangements similar to the foregoing.

2 Notwithstanding any provision in Section 2.20 (a) (ii) of 3 this Act to the contrary, in connection with or incidental to the issuance by the Authority of its bonds or notes under the 4 5 provisions of Section 4.04 or the exercise of its powers under 6 subsection (b) of Section 2.20, the Authority, for its own 7 benefit or for the benefit of the holders of its obligations or 8 their trustee, may enter into rate protection contracts. The 9 Authority may enter into rate protection contracts only 10 pursuant to a determination by a vote of 12 of the then 11 Directors, prior to February 1, 2026, and by the affirmative 12 vote of at least 14 of the then Directors, beginning February 1, 2026 that the terms of the contracts and any related 13 14 agreements reduce the risk of loss to the Authority, or 15 protect, preserve or enhance the value of its assets, or 16 provide compensation to the Authority for losses resulting 17 from changes in interest rates. The Authority's obligations under any rate protection contract or credit enhancement or 18 19 liquidity agreement shall not be considered bonds or notes for 20 purposes of this Act. For purposes of this Section a rate protection contract is a contract determined by the Authority 21 22 as necessary or appropriate to permit it to manage payment, 23 currency or interest rate risks or levels.

24 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

25 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect January 26 1, 2026.

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