



104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

State of Illinois

2025 and 2026

HB3196

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SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

70 ILCS 3605/51
70 ILCS 3615/3A.15
70 ILCS 3615/3B.14

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act and the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that any fixed route public transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Chicago Transit Authority, Suburban Bus Board, and the Commuter Rail Board shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older whose income does not exceed 105% of the income eligibility limitation set forth in specified provisions of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act (rather than who meet the income eligibility limitation set forth in that Act).

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STATE MANDATES
ACT MAY REQUIRE
REIMBURSEMENT

A BILL FOR

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

4 Section 5. The Metropolitan Transit Authority Act is
5 amended by changing Section 51 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/51)

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

8 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
9 60 days following January 18, 2008 (the effective date of
10 Public Act 95-708) and until subsection (b) is implemented,
11 any fixed route public transportation services provided by, or
12 under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Board
13 shall be provided without charge to all senior citizens of the
14 Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in Section 1.03
15 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act) aged 65 and
16 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
17 Board.

18 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
19 180 days following February 14, 2011 (the effective date of
20 Public Act 96-1527), any fixed route public transportation
21 services provided by, or under grant or purchase of service
22 contracts of, the Board shall be provided without charge to
23 senior citizens aged 65 and older whose income does not exceed

1 105% of ~~who meet~~ the income eligibility limitation set forth
2 in subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and
3 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such
4 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department
5 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
6 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
7 who are eligible for services without charge under this
8 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
9 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
10 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the
11 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued
12 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in
13 this Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced
14 fares as may be required by federal law.

15 (c) The Board shall partner with the City of Chicago to
16 provide transportation at reduced fares for participants in
17 programs that offer employment and internship opportunities to
18 youth and young adults ages 14 through 24.

19 (Source: P.A. 103-241, eff. 1-1-24; 103-281, eff. 1-1-24;
20 103-605, eff. 7-1-24.)

21 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is
22 amended by changing Sections 3A.15 and 3B.14 as follows:

23 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

24 Sec. 3A.15. Free services; eligibility.

1 (a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
2 60 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
3 the 95th General Assembly and until subsection (b) is
4 implemented, any fixed route public transportation services
5 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
6 of, the Suburban Bus Board shall be provided without charge to
7 all senior citizens of the Metropolitan Region aged 65 and
8 older, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the
9 Suburban Bus Board.

10 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
11 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
12 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
13 transportation services provided by, or under grant or
14 purchase of service contracts of, the Suburban Bus Board shall
15 be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65 and
16 older whose income does not exceed 105% of ~~who meet~~ the income
17 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of
18 Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities
19 Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be
20 prescribed by the Suburban Bus Board. The Department on Aging
21 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
22 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
23 who are eligible for services without charge under this
24 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
25 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
26 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the

1 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued
2 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in
3 this Section shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from
4 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

5 (Source: P.A. 103-241, eff. 1-1-24.)

6 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

7 Sec. 3B.14. Free services; eligibility.

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

17 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
18 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act
19 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
20 transportation services provided by, or under grant or
21 purchase of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board
22 shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65
23 and older whose income does not exceed 105% of ~~who meet~~ the
24 income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of
25 Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities

1 Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be
2 prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board. The Department on Aging
3 shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to
4 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals
5 who are eligible for services without charge under this
6 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,
7 an individual's eligibility for free services shall
8 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the
9 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued
10 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in
11 this Section shall relieve the Commuter Rail Board from
12 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

13 (Source: P.A. 103-241, eff. 1-1-24.)