

**HB3285**



**104TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2025 and 2026**

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Introduced 2/18/2025, by Rep. Matt Hanson

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

Appropriates \$575,000,000 to the Department of Transportation for expenses related to the Statewide Railway Program. Effective July 1, 2025.

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A BILL FOR

1           AN ACT concerning appropriations.

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

4           Section 5. The amount of \$70,000,000, or so much of that  
5           amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
6           Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses  
7           of planning, design, and environmental clearance of a new  
8           electrified high-speed line designed for speeds in excess of  
9           186 miles per hour in relation to the Statewide Railway  
10          Program.

11          Section 10. The amount of \$230,000,000, or so much of that  
12          amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
13          Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses  
14          of capital improvements to railroad lines that currently host  
15          passenger trains, upgrades for existing railroad lines  
16          establish new passenger rail routes, or to new construct  
17          railroad lines to establish new passenger rail routes in  
18          relation to the Statewide Railway Program. Eligible expenses  
19          include: repairing, reconstructing, or building new railroad  
20          bridges; installing or modernizing overhead catenary for  
21          electrically powered trains; upgrading existing mainline  
22          tracks to FRA Class 4 standards or better; adding second or  
23          third mainline tracks; and installing train control systems.

1       Section 15. The amount of \$100,000,000, or so much of that  
2 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
3 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for expenses  
4 of purchasing modern trains and the construction of new  
5 maintenance facilities or the modernization of existing  
6 maintenance facilities in relation to the Statewide Railway  
7 Program.

8       Section 20. The amount of \$2,000,000, or so much of that  
9 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
10 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for salaries  
11 and other expenses related to adding professional staff in the  
12 rail division of the Office of Intermodal Project  
13 Implementation in relation to the Statewide Railway Program.

14       Section 25. The amount of \$100,000,000, or so much of that  
15 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
16 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for the  
17 operation of passenger trains linking communities outside of  
18 the Regional Transportation Authority boundaries to Chicago  
19 and O'Hare and the operation of passenger trains linking  
20 communities outside of the Regional Transportation Authority  
21 boundaries to other communities outside of the Regional  
22 Transportation Authority boundaries in relation to the  
23 Statewide Railway Program.

1       Section 30. The amount of \$50,000,000, or so much of that  
2 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
3 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for  
4 maintaining mainline tracks on passenger rail routes at Class  
5 5 or better in relation to the Statewide Railway Program.

6       Section 35. The amount of \$23,000,000, or so much of that  
7 amount as may be necessary, is appropriated from the General  
8 Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation for the  
9 operation of regional buses to connect communities without a  
10 railway station outside of the Regional Transportation  
11 Authority to the state passenger railway network and to  
12 supplement frequency on passenger rail routes in relation to  
13 the Statewide Railway Program.

14       Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect July 1,  
15 2025.