

**HB0328**



**101ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

**State of Illinois**

**2019 and 2020**

**HB0328**

by Rep. Thaddeus Jones

**SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:**

70 ILCS 3605/27

from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 327

Amends the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act. Provides that the Chicago Transit Board shall appoint and pay for a minimum of one police officer or other safety personnel on each bus and train operated by the Chicago Transit Authority.

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FISCAL NOTE ACT  
MAY APPLY

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 27 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/27) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 327)

7 Sec. 27. The Board may appoint an Executive Director who  
8 shall be a person of recognized ability and experience in the  
9 operation of transportation systems to hold office during the  
10 pleasure of the Board. The Executive Director shall have  
11 management of the properties and business of the Authority and  
12 the employees thereof, subject to the general control of the  
13 Board, shall direct the enforcement of all ordinances,  
14 resolutions, rules and regulations of the Board, and shall  
15 perform such other duties as may be prescribed from time to  
16 time by the Board. The Board may appoint a General Counsel and  
17 a Chief Engineer, and shall provide for the appointment of  
18 other officers, attorneys, engineers, consultants, agents and  
19 employees as may be necessary for the construction, extension,  
20 operation, maintenance, and policing of its properties. It  
21 shall define their duties and require bonds of such of them as  
22 the Board may designate. The Executive Director, General  
23 Counsel, Chief Engineer, and all other officers provided for

1 pursuant to this section shall be exempt from taking and  
2 subscribing any oath of office. The compensation of the  
3 Executive Director, General Counsel, Chief Engineer, and all  
4 other officers, attorneys, consultants, agents and employees  
5 shall be fixed by the Board.

6 In the policing of its properties the Board may provide for  
7 the appointment and maintenance, from time to time, of such  
8 police force as it may find necessary and practicable to aid  
9 and supplement the police forces of any municipality in the  
10 protection of its property and the protection of the persons  
11 and property of its passengers and employees, or otherwise in  
12 furtherance of the purposes for which such Authority was  
13 organized. At a minimum, the Board shall appoint and pay for  
14 one police officer or other safety personnel on each bus and  
15 train operated by the Authority. The members of such police  
16 force shall have and exercise like police powers to those  
17 conferred upon the police of cities. Neither the Authority, the  
18 members of its Board nor its officers or employees shall be  
19 held liable for failure to provide a security or police force  
20 or, if a security or police force is provided, for failure to  
21 provide adequate police protection or security, failure to  
22 prevent the commission of crimes by fellow passengers or other  
23 third persons or for the failure to apprehend criminals.

24 (Source: P.A. 84-939; 87-597.)