

## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY State of Illinois 2023 and 2024 HB4342

Introduced 1/16/2024, by Rep. Rita Mayfield

## SYNOPSIS AS INTRODUCED:

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Amends the Regional Transportation Authority Act. Provides that, beginning in the fiscal year next following the effective date of the amendatory Act, the Suburban Bus Division's revenue recovery ratio may not include fares for any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households or any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons. Provides that the Authority must provide the Suburban Bus Division with any funding assistance the Suburban Bus Board determines is needed to maintain routes in any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households or any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of persons are minority persons. Provides that the Suburban Bus Board must annually, before the close of the Suburban Bus Board's fiscal year, provide to the Authority (i) the boundaries of each area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households and each area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons and (ii) the amount of funding assistance needed to maintain those routes. Amends the State Mandates Act to require implementation without reimbursement.

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STATE MANDATES ACT MAY REQUIRE REIMBURSEMENT

1 AN ACT concerning local government.

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

- Section 5. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is amended by changing Sections 4.01, 4.09 and 4.11 and by adding Section 4.17 as follows:
- 7 (70 ILCS 3615/4.01) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.01)
- 8 Sec. 4.01. Budget and Program.
  - (a) The Board shall control the finances of the Authority. It shall by ordinance adopted by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors (i) appropriate money to perform the Authority's purposes and provide for payment of debts and expenses of the Authority, (ii) take action with respect to the budget and two-year financial plan of each Service Board, as provided in Section 4.11, and (iii) adopt an Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan for the Authority that includes the annual budget and two-year financial plan of each Service Board that has been approved by the Authority. The Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan shall contain a statement of the funds estimated to be on hand for the Authority and each Service Board at the beginning of the fiscal year, the funds estimated to be received from all sources for such year, the estimated expenses and obligations

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of the Authority and each Service Board for all purposes, including expenses for contributions to be made with respect to pension and other employee benefits, and the funds estimated to be on hand at the end of such year. The fiscal year of the Authority and each Service Board shall begin on January 1st and end on the succeeding December 31st. By July 1st of each year the Director of the Illinois Governor's Office of Management and Budget (formerly Bureau of the Budget) shall submit to the Authority an estimate of revenues for the next fiscal year of the Authority to be collected from the taxes imposed by the Authority and the amounts to be available in the Public Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund and the amounts otherwise to be appropriated by the State to the Authority for its purposes. The Authority shall file a copy of its Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan with the General Assembly and the Governor after its adoption. Before the proposed Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan is adopted, the Authority shall hold at least one public hearing thereon in the metropolitan region, and shall meet with the county board or its designee of each of the several counties in the metropolitan region. After conducting such hearings and holding such meetings and after making such changes in the proposed Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan as the Board deems appropriate, the Board shall adopt its annual appropriation and Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan

ordinance. The ordinance may be adopted only upon the affirmative votes of 12 of its then Directors. The ordinance shall appropriate such sums of money as are deemed necessary to defray all necessary expenses and obligations of the Authority, specifying purposes 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 may be made from time to time by the Board upon the affirmative votes of 12 of its then Directors.

(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.

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

(i) that the level of fares and charges for mass transportation provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Service Boards is sufficient to cause the aggregate of all projected fare revenues from such fares and charges received in each fiscal year to equal at least 50% of the aggregate costs of providing such public transportation in such fiscal year, excluding, beginning with the Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial

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plan next following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, fares and charges for mass transportation to be collected by the Suburban Bus Board within any area within its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, and any area in its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. However, due to the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the aggregate of all projected fare revenues from such fares and charges received in fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 may be less than 50% of the aggregate costs of providing such public transportation in those fiscal years. "Fare revenues" include the proceeds of all fares and charges for services provided, contributions received connection with public transportation from units of local government other than the Authority, except contributions received by the Chicago Transit Authority from a real estate transfer tax imposed under subsection (i) of Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and from the State pursuant to subsection (i) of Section 2705-305 of the Department of Transportation Law (20 ILCS 2705/2705-305), and all other operating revenues properly

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included consistent with generally accepted accounting principles but do not include: the proceeds of any borrowings, and, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, all revenues and receipts, including but not limited to fares and grants received from the federal, State or any unit of local government or other entity, derived from providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act. "Costs" include all items properly included as operating costs consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, including administrative costs, but do not include: depreciation; payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other evidences of obligation for borrowed money issued by the Authority; payments with respect to public transportation facilities made pursuant to subsection (b) of Section 2.20 of this Act; any payments with respect to rate protection contracts, credit enhancements or liquidity agreements made under Section 4.14; any other cost to which it is reasonably expected that a cash expenditure will not be made; costs for passenger security including grants, contracts, personnel, equipment and administrative expenses, except in the case of the Chicago Transit Authority, in which case the term does not include costs spent annually by that entity for protection against crime as required by Section 27a of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; the payment by the Chicago Transit

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Authority of Debt Service, as defined in Section 12c of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, on bonds or notes issued pursuant to that Section; the payment by the Commuter Rail Division of debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Section 3B.09; expenses incurred by the Division for the cost of Suburban Bus new public transportation services funded from grants pursuant to Section 2.01e of this amendatory Act of the 95th General Assembly for a period of 2 years from the date of initiation of each such service; costs as exempted by the Board for projects pursuant to Section 2.09 of this Act; or, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, expenses related to providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act; and in fiscal years 2008 through 2012 inclusive, costs in the amount of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2008, reducing by \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year thereafter until this exemption is eliminated; and

(ii) that the level of fares charged for ADA paratransit services is sufficient to cause the aggregate of all projected revenues from such fares charged and received in each fiscal year to equal at least 10% of the aggregate costs of providing such ADA paratransit services, excluding, beginning with the Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial plan next following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly,

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fares and charges for mass transportation to be collected by the Suburban Bus Board within any area within its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, and any area in its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. However, due to the fiscal impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, the aggregate of all projected fare revenues from such fares and charges received in fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 may be less than 10% of the aggregate costs of providing such ADA paratransit services in those fiscal years. For purposes of this Act, percentages in this subsection (b)(ii) shall be referred to as the "system generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio". For purposes of the system generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio, "costs" shall include all items properly included operating costs consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. However, the Board may exclude from an amount that does not exceed the allowable costs "capital costs of contracting" for ADA paratransit services pursuant to the Federal Transit Administration quidelines for the Urbanized Area Formula Program.

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

- (b-5) For fiscal years 2024 and 2025, 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 current positions employed, hired staff, attrition, staff in training, and absenteeism rates;
  - (2) scheduled service and delivered service, including percentage of scheduled service delivered by day, service by mode of transportation, service by route and rail line, total number of revenue miles driven, excess wait times by day, by mode of transportation, by bus route, and by stop; and
  - (3) safety on the system, including the number of incidents of crime and code of conduct violations on system, any performance measures used to evaluate the effectiveness of investments in private security, safety

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equipment, and other security investments in the system.

If no performance measures exist to evaluate the effectiveness of these safety investments, the Service Boards and Authority shall develop and publish these 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.

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

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enhancements or liquidity agreements made pursuant to Section 4.14.

This subsection applies only until the Department (d) 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 Boards as follows: (1) an amount equal to 85% of the proceeds of those taxes collected within the City of Chicago and 85% of the money received by the Authority on account of transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the County and Mass Transit District Fund attributable to retail sales within the City of Chicago shall be allocated to the Chicago Transit Authority; (2) an amount equal to 85% of the proceeds of those taxes collected within Cook County outside the City of Chicago and 85% of the money received by the Authority on account of transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund 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 the

- 1 proceeds of the taxes collected within the Counties of DuPage,
- 2 Kane, Lake, McHenry and Will shall be allocated 70% to the
- 3 Commuter Rail Board and 30% to the Suburban Bus Board.
- This subsection applies only until the Department 5 begins administering and enforcing an increased tax under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by this amendatory Act of the 6 7 95th General Assembly. Moneys received by the Authority on 8 account of transfers to the Regional Transportation Authority 9 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and 10 Local Sales Tax Reform Fund shall be allocated among the 11 Authority and the Service Boards as follows: 15% of such 12 moneys shall be retained by the Authority and the remaining 13 85% shall be transferred to the Service Boards as soon as may be practicable after the Authority receives payment. Moneys 14 15 which are distributable to the Service Boards pursuant to the 16 preceding sentence shall be allocated among the Service Boards 17 on the basis of each Service Board's distribution ratio. The "distribution ratio" means, for purposes of this 18 subsection (e) of this Section 4.01, the ratio of the total 19 20 amount distributed to a Service Board pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 4.01 for the immediately preceding calendar 21 22 year to the total amount distributed to all of the Service 23 Boards pursuant to subsection (d) of Section 4.01 for the 24 immediately preceding calendar year.
- 25 (f) To carry out its duties and responsibilities under 26 this Act, the Board shall employ staff which shall: (1)

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propose for adoption by the Board of the Authority rules for the Service Boards that establish (i) forms and schedules to be used and information required to be provided with respect to a five-year capital program, annual budgets, and two-year financial plans and regular reporting of actual results against adopted budgets and financial plans, (ii) financial practices to be followed in the budgeting and expenditure of public funds, (iii) assumptions and projections that must be followed in preparing and submitting its annual budget and two-year financial plan or a five-year capital program; (2) evaluate for the Board public transportation programs operated or proposed by the Service Boards and transportation agencies in terms of the goals and objectives set out in the Strategic Plan; (3) keep the Board and the public informed of the extent to which the Service Boards and transportation agencies are meeting the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the Strategic Plan; and (4) assess the efficiency or adequacy of public transportation services provided by a Service Board and make recommendations for change in that service to the end that the moneys available to the Authority may be expended in the most economical manner possible with the least possible duplication.

(g) All Service Boards, transportation agencies, comprehensive planning agencies, including the Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning, or transportation planning agencies in the metropolitan region shall furnish to the

- Authority such information pertaining to public transportation 1 2 or relevant for plans therefor as it may from time to time 3 require. The Executive Director, or his or her designee, shall, for the purpose of securing any such information 5 necessary or appropriate to carry out any of the powers and responsibilities of the Authority under this Act, have access 6 7 to, and the right to examine, all books, documents, papers or 8 records of a Service Board or any transportation agency 9 receiving funds from the Authority or Service Board, and such 10 Service Board or transportation agency shall comply with any 11 request by the Executive Director, or his or her designee, 12 within 30 days or an extended time provided by the Executive 13 Director.
- 14 (h) No Service Board shall undertake any capital 15 improvement which is not identified in the Five-Year Capital 16 Program.
- (i) Each Service Board shall furnish to the Board access
  to its financial information including, but not limited to,
  audits and reports. The Board shall have real-time access to
  the financial information of the Service Boards; however, the
  Board shall be granted read-only access to the Service Board's
  financial information.
- 23 (Source: P.A. 102-678, eff. 12-10-21; 103-281, eff. 1-1-24.)
- 24 (70 ILCS 3615/4.09) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.09)
- 25 Sec. 4.09. Public Transportation Fund and the Regional

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1 Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement 2 Fund.

(a) (1) Except as otherwise provided in paragraph (4), as soon as possible after the first day of each month, beginning July 1, 1984, upon certification of the Department of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to a special fund in the State Treasury to be known as the Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 25% of the amounts deposited into the Transportation Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act, from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act and 25% of amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act. On the first day of the month following the date that the Department receives revenues from increased taxes under Section 4.03(m) as authorized by Public Act 95-708, in lieu of the transfers authorized in the preceding sentence, upon certification of the Department of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the

Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the 1 2 Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer 3 discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax 5 Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, 6 realized from (i) 80% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at a rate of 1.25% in Cook County, (ii) 75% of the 7 8 proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% 9 in Cook County, and (iii) one-third of the proceeds of any tax 10 imposed by the Authority at the rate of 0.75% in the Counties 11 of DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to 12 Section 4.03, and 25% of the net revenue realized from any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to Section 4.03.1, and 25% 13 14 of the amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation 15 Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act from the 16 County and Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 17 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 25% of the amounts Regional Transportation 18 deposited into the Authority 19 Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund from the State and 20 Local Sales Tax Reform Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act. As used in this Section, net revenue 21 22 realized for a month shall be the revenue collected by the 23 State pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 during the previous 24 month from within the metropolitan region, less the amount 25 paid out during that same month as refunds to taxpayers for overpayment of liability in the metropolitan region under 26

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1 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 of Public Act 95 - 708) and each month thereafter, upon certification by the Department of Revenue, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Transportation Fund an amount equal to 5% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from any tax imposed by the Authority pursuant to Sections 4.03 and 4.03.1 and certified by the Department of Revenue under Section 4.03(n) of this Act to be paid to the Authority and 5% of the amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation Authority tax fund created by Section 4.03 of this Act from the County and Mass Transit District Fund as provided in Section 6z-20 of the State Finance Act, and 5% of the amounts deposited into the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use

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Tax Replacement Fund from the State and Local Sales Tax Reform
Fund as provided in Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, and
5% of the revenue realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as
financial assistance from the City of Chicago from the
proceeds of any tax imposed by the City of Chicago under
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 as possible after the first day of January, 2009 and each month thereafter, upon certification of the Department of Revenue with respect to the taxes collected under Section 4.03, the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall transfer from the General Revenue Fund to t.he Transportation Fund an amount equal to 25% of the net revenue, before the deduction of the serviceman and retailer discounts pursuant to Section 9 of the Service Occupation Tax Act and Section 3 of the Retailers' Occupation Tax Act, realized from (i) 20% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at a rate of 1.25% in Cook County, (ii) 25% of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the Authority at the rate of 1% in Cook County,

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and (iii) one-third of the proceeds of any tax imposed by the 1 2 Authority at the rate of 0.75% in the Counties of DuPage, Kane, 3 Lake, McHenry, and Will, all pursuant to Section 4.03, and the Comptroller shall order transferred and the Treasurer shall 5 transfer from the General Revenue Fund to the 6 Transportation Fund (iv) an amount equal to 25% of the revenue 7 realized by the Chicago Transit Authority as financial 8 assistance from the City of Chicago from the proceeds of any 9 tax imposed by the City of Chicago under Section 8-3-19 of the 10 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, of the transfers to be made under paragraphs (1), (2), and (3) of this subsection (a) from the General Revenue Fund to the Public Transportation Fund, the first \$150,000,000 that would have otherwise been transferred from the General Revenue Fund shall be transferred from the Road Fund. The remaining balance of such transfers shall be made from the General Revenue Fund.
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- (7) For State fiscal year 2020 only, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues realized during State fiscal year 2020 shall be reduced by 5%.
  - (8) For State fiscal year 2021 only, notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, the total amount of revenue and deposits under this Section attributable to revenues 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 4.03.3 and amounts transferred to the Audit Expense Fund pursuant to Section 6z-27 of the State Finance Act. Comptroller, as soon as possible after each monthly transfer provided in this Section and after each deposit into the Public Transportation Fund, shall order the Treasurer to pay to the Authority out of the Public Transportation Fund the amount so transferred or deposited. Any Additional State Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance paid to the Authority under this Section shall be expended by the Authority for its purposes as provided in this Act. balance of the amounts paid to the Authority from the Public Transportation Fund shall be expended by the Authority as

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provided in Section 4.03.3. The Comptroller, as soon as possible after each deposit into the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided in this Section and Section 6z-17 of the State Finance Act, shall order the Treasurer to pay to the Authority out of the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund the amount so deposited. Such amounts paid to the Authority may be expended by it for its purposes as provided in this Act. The provisions directing the distributions from the Public Transportation Fund and the Regional Transportation Authority Occupation and Use Tax Replacement Fund provided for in this Section shall constitute an irrevocable and continuing appropriation of all amounts as provided herein. The State Treasurer and State Comptroller are hereby authorized and directed to make distributions as provided in this Section. (2) Provided, however, no moneys deposited under subsection Section shall be paid from the (a) of this Public Transportation Fund to the Authority or its assignee for any fiscal year until the Authority has certified to the Governor, the Comptroller, and the Mayor of the City of Chicago that it has adopted for that fiscal year an Annual Budget and Two-Year Financial Plan meeting the requirements in Section 4.01(b).

(c) In recognition of the efforts of the Authority to enhance the mass transportation facilities under its control, the State shall provide financial assistance ("Additional State Assistance") in excess of the amounts transferred to the

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Authority from the General Revenue Fund under subsection (a) of this Section. Additional State Assistance shall be calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to the following State fiscal years:

6	1990	\$5,000,000;
7	1991	\$5,000,000;
8	1992	\$10,000,000;
9	1993	\$10,000,000;
10	1994	\$20,000,000;
11	1995	\$30,000,000;
12	1996	\$40,000,000;
13	1997	\$50,000,000;
14	1998	\$55,000,000; and
15	each year thereafter	\$55,000,000.

(C-5) The State shall provide financial assistance ("Additional Financial Assistance") in addition to the Additional State Assistance provided by subsection (c) and the amounts transferred to the Authority from the General Revenue Fund under subsection (a) of this Section. Additional Financial Assistance provided by this subsection shall be calculated as provided in subsection (d), but shall in no event exceed the following specified amounts with respect to the following State fiscal years:

25 2000 \$0;

26 2001 \$16,000,000;

1	2002	\$35,000,000;
2	2003	\$54,000,000;
3	2004	\$73,000,000;
4	2005	\$93,000,000; and
5	each year thereafter	\$100,000,000.

- (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.
  - (2) An estimate of the amount necessary and required to pay its obligations for debt service for any bonds or notes which the Authority anticipates it will issue under subdivisions (g) (2) and (g) (3) of Section 4.04 during that State fiscal year.
  - (3) Its debt service savings during the preceding State fiscal year from refunding or advance refunding of bonds or notes issued under subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) of Section 4.04.
    - (4) The amount of interest, if any, earned by the

Authority during the previous State fiscal year on the proceeds of bonds or notes issued pursuant to subdivisions (g)(2) and (g)(3) of Section 4.04, other than refunding or 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 which there are bonds outstanding with respect to which the certification is made, the State Comptroller shall order transferred and the State Treasurer shall transfer from the Road Fund to the Public Transportation Fund the Additional State Assistance and Additional Financial Assistance in an amount equal to the aggregate of (i) one-twelfth of the sum of the amounts certified under items (1) and (3) above less the amount certified under item (4) above, plus (ii) the amount

required to pay debt service on bonds and notes issued during the fiscal year, if any, divided by the number of months remaining in the fiscal year after the date of issuance, or some smaller portion as may be necessary under subsection (c) or (c-5) of this Section for the relevant State fiscal year, plus (iii) any cumulative deficiencies in transfers for prior months, until an amount equal to 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, has been transferred; except 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.
- (B) 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)(3) of Section 4.04 exceed the lesser of the annual maximum amount specified in subsection (c-5) 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.

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

- (e) Neither Additional State Assistance nor Additional Financial Assistance may be pledged, either directly or indirectly as general revenues of the Authority, as security for any bonds issued by the Authority. The Authority may not assign its right to receive Additional State Assistance or Additional Financial Assistance, or direct payment of Additional State Assistance or Additional Financial Assistance, to a trustee or any other entity for the payment of 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.
- (g) Within 6 months of the end of each fiscal year, the Authority shall determine:
- (i) whether the aggregate of all system generated revenues for public transportation in the metropolitan region which is provided by, or under grant or purchase of

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service contracts with, the Service Boards equals 50% of the aggregate of all costs of providing such public transportation, excluding, beginning with the determination next following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, fares and charges for mass transportation to be collected by the Suburban Bus Board within any area within its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, and any area in its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. "System generated revenues" include all the proceeds of fares and charges for services provided, contributions received in connection with public transportation from units of local government other than the Authority, except contributions received by the Chicago Transit Authority from a real estate transfer tax imposed under subsection (i) of Section 8-3-19 of the Illinois Municipal Code, and from the State pursuant to subsection (i) of Section 2705-305 of the Department of Transportation Law, and all other revenues properly included consistent with generally accepted accounting principles but may not include: the proceeds from any borrowing, and, beginning

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with the 2007 fiscal year, all revenues and receipts, including but not limited to fares and grants received from the federal, State or any unit of local government or other entity, derived from providing ADA paratransit pursuant to Section 2.30 of the Transportation Authority Act. "Costs" include all items properly included as operating costs consistent with generally accepted accounting principles, including administrative costs, but do not include: depreciation; payment of principal and interest on bonds, notes or other evidences of obligations for borrowed money of the Authority; payments with respect to public transportation facilities made pursuant to subsection (b) of Section any payments with respect to rate protection contracts, credit enhancements or liquidity agreements made under Section 4.14; any other cost as to which it is reasonably expected that a cash expenditure will not be made; costs for passenger security including grants, contracts, personnel, equipment and administrative expenses, except in the case of the Chicago Transit Authority, in which case the term does not include costs spent annually by that entity for protection against crime as required by Section 27a of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act; the costs of Debt Service paid by the Chicago Transit Authority, as defined in Section 12c of the Metropolitan Transit Authority Act, or bonds or notes

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issued pursuant to that Section; the payment by the Commuter Rail Division of debt service on bonds issued pursuant to Section 3B.09; expenses incurred by the Suburban Bus Division for the cost of new public transportation services funded from grants pursuant to Section 2.01e of this Act for a period of 2 years from the date of initiation of each such service; costs as exempted by the Board for projects pursuant to Section 2.09 of this Act; or, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, expenses related to providing ADA paratransit service pursuant to Section 2.30 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act; or in fiscal years 2008 through 2012 inclusive, costs in the amount of \$200,000,000 in fiscal year 2008, reducing by \$40,000,000 in each fiscal year thereafter until this exemption is eliminated. If said system generated revenues are less than 50% of said costs, the Board shall remit an amount equal to the amount of the deficit to the State; however, due to the fiscal impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic, for fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025, no such payment shall be required. The Treasurer shall deposit any such payment in the Road 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, excluding, beginning with the determination next following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, fares and charges for mass transportation to be collected by the Suburban Bus Board within any area within its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, and any area in its jurisdiction in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act.

(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).

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

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1 (70 ILCS 3615/4.11) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 704.11)

2 Sec. 4.11. Budget Review Powers.

Based upon estimates which shall be given to the Authority by the Director of the Governor's Office of Management and Budget (formerly Bureau of the Budget) of the receipts to be received by the Authority from the taxes imposed by the Authority and the authorized estimates of amounts to be available from State and other sources to the Service Boards, and the times at which such receipts and amounts will be available, the Board shall, not later than the next preceding September 15th prior to the beginning of the Authority's next fiscal year, advise each Service Board of the amounts estimated by the Board to be available for such Service Board during such fiscal year and the two following fiscal years and the times at which such amounts will be available. The Board shall, at the same time, also advise each Service Board of its required system generated revenues recovery ratio for the next fiscal year which shall be the percentage of the aggregate costs of providing public transportation by or under jurisdiction of that Service Board which must be recovered from system generated revenues. The Board shall, at the same time, consider the written determination of the Executive Director, made pursuant to Section 2.01d, of the costs of ADA paratransit services that are required to be provided under the federal Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 and its implementing regulations, and

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shall amend the current year budgets of the Authority and the Service Boards to provide for additional funding for the provision of ADA paratransit services, if needed. The Board shall, at the same time, beginning with the 2007 fiscal year, also advise each Service Board that provides ADA paratransit services of its required system generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio for the next fiscal year which shall be the percentage of the aggregate costs of providing ADA paratransit services by or under jurisdiction of that Service Board which must be recovered from fares charged for such services, except that such required system generated ADA paratransit services revenue recovery ratio shall not exceed minimum percentage established pursuant to Section 4.01(b)(ii) of this Act and except that, beginning in the fiscal year next following the effective date of this amendatory Act of the 103rd General Assembly, the Suburban Bus Board's revenue recovery ratio does not include fares for any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Division where more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, or any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Division in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. In determining a Service Board's system generated revenue

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

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

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- (iv) such budget and plan are based upon and employ assumptions and projections which are reasonable and prudent;
- (v) such budget and plan have been prepared in accordance with sound financial practices as determined by the Board:
- (vi) such budget and plan meet such other financial, budgetary, or fiscal requirements that the Board may by rule or regulation establish; and
- (vii) such budget and plan are consistent with the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the Strategic Plan.
- (3) (Blank).
- (4) Unless the Board by an affirmative vote of 12 of the then Directors determines that the budget and financial plan of a Service Board meets the criteria specified in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph (b), the Board shall withhold from that Service Board 25% of the cash proceeds of taxes imposed by the Authority under Section 4.03 and Section 4.03.1 and received after February 1 and 25% of the amounts transferred to the Authority from the Public Transportation Fund under Section 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 Service Board under Section 4.11(a). Such funding shall be released to the Service Board only upon approval of a budget and financial plan under this Section or adoption of a budget and financial plan on behalf of the Service Board by the Authority.
  - (5) If the Board has not found that the budget and financial plan of a Service Board meets the criteria specified in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of this paragraph (b), the Board, by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors, shall adopt a budget and financial plan meeting such criteria for that Service Board.
  - (c)(1) If the Board shall at any time have received a revised estimate, or revises any estimate the Board has made, pursuant to this Section of the receipts to be collected by the Authority which, in the judgment of the Board, requires a change in the estimates on which the budget of any Service Board is based, the Board shall advise the affected Service Board of such revised estimates, and such Service Board shall within 30 days after receipt of such advice submit a revised budget incorporating such revised estimates. If the revised estimates require, in the judgment of the Board, that the system generated revenues recovery ratio of one or more Service Boards be revised in order to allow the Authority to meet its required ratio, the Board shall advise any such Service Board of its revised ratio and such Service Board

shall within 30 days after receipt of such advice submit a revised budget incorporating such revised estimates or ratio.

- (2) Each Service Board shall, within such period after the end of each fiscal quarter as shall be specified by the Board, report to the Authority its financial condition and results of operations and the financial condition and results of operations of the public transportation services subject to its jurisdiction, as at the end of and for such quarter. If in the judgment of the Board such condition and results are not substantially in accordance with such Service Board's budget for such period, the Board shall so advise such Service Board and such Service Board shall within the period specified by the Board submit a revised budget incorporating such results.
- (3) If the Board shall determine that a revised budget submitted by a Service Board pursuant to subparagraph (1) or (2) of this paragraph (c) does not meet the criteria specified in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of this Section, the Board shall withhold from that 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 Authority after February 1 and 25% of the amounts transferred to the Authority from the Public Transportation Fund under Section 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 Service Board under Section 4.11(a). If the Service Board submits a revised financial plan and budget which plan

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and budget shows that the criteria will be met within a four quarter period, the Board shall release any such withheld funds to the Service Board. The Board by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of its then Directors may require a Service Board to submit a revised financial plan and budget which shows that the criteria will be met in a time period less than four quarters.

(d) All budgets and financial plans, financial statements, audits and other information presented to the Authority pursuant to this Section or which may be required by the Board to permit it to monitor compliance with the provisions of this Section shall be prepared and presented in such manner and frequency and in such detail as shall have been prescribed by the Board, shall be prepared on both an accrual and cash flow specified by the Board, shall present information as the Authority shall prescribe that fairly presents the condition of any pension plan or trust for health care benefits with respect to retirees established by the Service Board and describes the plans of the Service Board to meet the requirements of Sections 4.02a and 4.02b, and shall identify and describe the assumptions and projections employed in the preparation thereof to the extent required by the Board. If the Executive Director certifies that a Service Board has not presented its budget and two-year financial plan in conformity with the rules adopted by the Authority under the provisions of Section 4.01(f) and this subsection (d), and

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such certification is accepted by the affirmative vote of at least 12 of the then Directors of the Authority, the Authority shall not distribute to that Service Board any funds for operating purposes in excess of the amounts distributed for such purposes to the Service Board in the previous fiscal year. Except when the Board adopts a budget and a financial plan for a Service Board under paragraph (b)(5), a Service Board shall provide for such levels of transportation services and fares or charges therefor as it deems appropriate and necessary in the preparation of a budget and financial plan meeting the criteria set forth in clauses (i) through (vii) of subparagraph (2) of paragraph (b) of this Section. Authority shall have access to and the right to examine and copy all books, documents, papers, records, or other source data of a Service Board relevant to any information submitted pursuant to this Section.

(e) Whenever this Section requires the Board to make determinations with respect to estimates, budgets or financial plans, or rules or regulations with respect thereto such determinations shall be made upon the affirmative vote of at least 12 of the then Directors and shall be incorporated in a written report of the Board and such report shall be submitted within 10 days after such determinations are made to the Governor, the Mayor of Chicago (if such determinations relate to the Chicago Transit Authority), and the Auditor General of Illinois.

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2 (70 ILCS 3615/4.17 new)

Sec. 4.17. Funding for certain areas. The Authority must provide the Suburban Bus Division with any funding assistance the Suburban Bus Board determines is needed to maintain routes in any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households, as those terms are defined in Section 3 of the Illinois Affordable Housing Act, and any area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons, as that term is defined in Section 2 of the Business Enterprise for Minorities, Women, and Persons with Disabilities Act. The Suburban Bus Board must annually, before the close of the Suburban Bus Board's fiscal year, provide to the Authority (i) the boundaries of each area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of households are low-income households or very low-income households and each area within the jurisdiction of the Suburban Bus Board in which more than 45% of residents are minority persons and (ii) the amount of funding assistance needed to maintain those routes.

Section 90. The State Mandates Act is amended by adding Section 8.47 as follows:

- 1 (30 ILCS 805/8.47 new)
- Sec. 8.47. Exempt mandate. Notwithstanding Sections 6 and
- 8 of this Act, no reimbursement by the State is required for
- 4 the implementation of any mandate created by this amendatory
- 5 Act of the 103rd General Assembly.

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30 ILCS 805/8.47 new