



## 103RD GENERAL ASSEMBLY

### State of Illinois

2023 and 2024

HB5016

Introduced 2/8/2024, by Rep. Hoan Huynh

#### 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) ~~this amendatory Act of the 95th General~~  
11 ~~Assembly~~ and until subsection (b) is implemented, any fixed  
12 route public transportation services provided by, or under  
13 grant or purchase of service contracts of, the Board shall be  
14 provided without charge to all senior citizens of the  
15 Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in Section 1.03  
16 of the Regional Transportation Authority Act 70 ILCS  
17 ~~3615/1.03~~) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as shall  
18 be prescribed by the Board.

19 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
20 180 days following February 14, 2011 (the effective date of  
21 Public Act 96-1527) ~~this amendatory Act of the 96th General~~  
22 ~~Assembly~~, any fixed route public transportation services  
23 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts

1 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to senior  
2 citizens aged 65 and older whose income does not exceed 105% of  
3 ~~who meet~~ the income eligibility limitation set forth in  
4 subsection (a-5) of Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and  
5 Persons with Disabilities Property Tax Relief Act, under such  
6 conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board. The Department  
7 on Aging shall furnish all information reasonably necessary to  
8 determine eligibility, including updated lists of individuals  
9 who are eligible for services without charge under this  
10 Section. After an initial eligibility determination is made,  
11 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
12 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
13 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued  
14 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in  
15 this Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced  
16 fares as may be required by federal law.

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

21 (Source: P.A. 103-241, eff. 1-1-24; 103-281, eff. 1-1-24;  
22 revised 12-12-23.)

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

1 (70 ILCS 3615/3A.15)

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

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

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

1 an individual's eligibility for free services shall  
2 automatically renew every 5 years after receipt by the  
3 Authority of a copy of the individual's government-issued  
4 identification card validating Illinois residency. Nothing in  
5 this Section shall relieve the Suburban Bus Board from  
6 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.

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

8 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.14)

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

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

19 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than  
20 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act  
21 of the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public  
22 transportation services provided by, or under grant or  
23 purchase of service contracts of, the Commuter Rail Board  
24 shall be provided without charge to senior citizens aged 65  
25 and older whose income does not exceed 105% of ~~who meet~~ the

1 income eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of  
2 Section 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities  
3 Property Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be  
4 prescribed by the Commuter Rail Board. The Department on Aging  
5 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 Commuter Rail Board from  
14 providing reduced fares as may be required by federal law.  
15 (Source: P.A. 103-241, eff. 1-1-24.)