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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1591

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend House Bill 1591 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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 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 Board shall be provided without charge to all senior
14 citizens of the Metropolitan Region (as such term is defined in
15 70 ILCS 3615/1.03) aged 65 and older, under such conditions as
16 shall be prescribed by the Board.

1 (b) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, no later than
2 180 days following the effective date of this amendatory Act of
3 the 96th General Assembly, any fixed route public
4 transportation services provided by, or under grant or purchase
5 of service contracts of, the Board shall be provided without
6 charge to senior citizens aged 65 and older who meet the income
7 eligibility limitation set forth in subsection (a-5) of Section
8 4 of the Senior Citizens and Persons with Disabilities Property
9 Tax Relief Act, under such conditions as shall be prescribed by
10 the Board. The Department on Aging shall furnish all
11 information reasonably necessary to determine eligibility,
12 including updated lists of individuals who are eligible for
13 services without charge under this Section. Nothing in this
14 Section shall relieve the Board from providing reduced fares as
15 may be required by federal law.

16 (c) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, on and after
17 January 1, 2020, any fixed route public transportation services
18 provided by, or under grant or purchase of service contracts
19 of, the Board shall be provided without charge to high school
20 students that are eligible for free or reduced price meals and
21 free milk under the federal National School Lunch Program or
22 the Commodity School Program on days when school is in session.
23 The Chicago School District shall reimburse the Board for the
24 regular fare for each free fare provided to a student under
25 this subsection. The State shall, subject to appropriation,
26 reimburse the Chicago School District any moneys the District

1 paid to the Board under this subsection.

2 (Source: P.A. 99-143, eff. 7-27-15.)

3 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
4 becoming law.".