

1 AN ACT concerning transportation.

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

4 Section 5. The Department of Transportation Law of the  
5 Civil Administrative Code of Illinois is amended by adding  
6 Section 2705-207 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-207 new)

8 Sec. 2705-207. Regional Transportation Task Force.

9 (a) The Regional Transportation Task Force is created  
10 within the Department.

11 (b) The Task Force shall consist of 11 voting members,  
12 as follows: 3 members appointed by the Governor, one of whom  
13 shall be designated as chair of the task force at the time of  
14 appointment; 2 members appointed by the President of the  
15 Senate; 2 members appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; 2  
16 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
17 Representatives; and 2 members appointed by the House  
18 Minority Leader.

19 The following shall serve, ex officio, as non-voting  
20 members: the Secretary of Transportation; one member  
21 designated by the Chicago Area Transportation Study (CATS);  
22 one member designated by the Northeastern Illinois Planning  
23 Commission (NIPC); one member designated by the Regional  
24 Transportation Authority (RTA); one member designated by the  
25 Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (ISTHA); and 4 members  
26 designated by the Metropolitan Mayors Caucus.

27 If a vacancy occurs in the task force membership, the  
28 vacancy shall be filled in the same manner as the initial  
29 appointment.

30 (c) The task force may begin to conduct business upon  
31 the appointment of a majority of the voting members,

1 including the chair.

2 (d) The task force may adopt bylaws; it must meet at  
3 least once each calendar quarter; and it may establish  
4 committees and officers as it deems necessary. For purposes  
5 of task force meetings, a quorum is 6 voting members.  
6 Meetings of the task force are subject to the Open Meetings  
7 Act. The task force must afford an opportunity for public  
8 comment at each of its meetings.

9 (e) Task force members shall serve without compensation,  
10 but may be reimbursed for their reasonable travel expenses  
11 from funds available for that purpose. The Department shall  
12 provide staff and administrative support services to the task  
13 force.

14 (f) The task force shall gather information and make  
15 recommendations to the Governor and to the General Assembly  
16 regarding metro area transportation programs in northeastern  
17 Illinois, which includes, without limitation, the counties of  
18 Cook, DuPage, Kane, Lake, McHenry, and Will. These  
19 recommendations must include, without limitation:

20 (1) examining the feasibility of merging CATS,  
21 NIPC, RTA, and ISTHA into a single agency;

22 (2) identifying areas where functions of these and  
23 other agencies are redundant or unnecessary;

24 (3) identifying methods to promote cost  
25 effectiveness, efficiency, and equality in meeting area  
26 transportation needs; and

27 (4) examining regional and economic impact as it  
28 relates to potential policy implementation.

29 (g) The task force shall submit a report to the Governor  
30 and the General Assembly by November 1, 2004 concerning its  
31 findings and recommendations.

32 (h) This Section is repealed on January 1, 2005.

33 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon

1 becoming law.