

1 AN ACT concerning the Department of 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 2705-321 as follows:

7 (20 ILCS 2705/2705-321 new)

8 Sec. 2705-321. Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic
9 Development (TRED) Pilot Project Program; new facilities and
10 service.

11 (a) The Department of Transportation shall establish the
12 Illinois Transit Ridership and Economic Development (TRED)
13 Pilot Project Program to build transit systems that more
14 effectively address the needs of Illinois workers, families,
15 and businesses. The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program shall
16 provide for new or expanded mass transportation service and
17 facilities, including rapid transit, rail, bus, and other
18 equipment used in connection with mass transit, by the State,
19 a public entity, or 2 or more of these entities authorized to
20 provide and promote public transportation in order to
21 increase the level of service available in local communities,
22 as well as improve the quality of life and economic viability
23 of the State of Illinois.

24 The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program expenditures for
25 mass transportation service and facilities within the State
26 must:

27 (1) Improve the economic viability of Illinois by
28 facilitating the transportation of Illinois residents to
29 places of employment, to educational facilities, and to
30 commercial, medical, and shopping districts.

31 (2) Increase the frequency and reliability of

1 public transit service.

2 (3) Facilitate the movement of all persons,
3 including those persons who, because of age, economic
4 circumstance, or physical infirmity, are unable to drive.

5 (4) Contribute to an improved environment through
6 the reduction of air, water, and noise pollution.

7 (b) Under the Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program, the
8 Department shall fund in fiscal year 2004, in coordination
9 and consultation with other government agencies that provide
10 or fund transportation services, the Illinois Public
11 Transportation Association, and transit advocates, up to 8
12 pilot or demonstration projects involving expanding public
13 transit service or services in Illinois. At least 5 of those
14 projects shall involve counties or transit districts outside
15 the Chicago urbanized area. Total funding for these projects
16 shall not exceed \$5,000,000. The Department shall submit
17 annual reports to the General Assembly by March 1 of each
18 fiscal year regarding the status of these projects, including
19 service to constituents including local businesses, seniors,
20 and people with disabilities, costs, and other appropriate
21 measures of impact.

22 Section 99. Effective date. This Act takes effect upon
23 becoming law.