

1 AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL 1397

2 AMENDMENT NO. _____. Amend Senate Bill 1397 by replacing
3 everything after the enacting clause with the following:

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

1 of the State of Illinois.

2 The Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program expenditures for
3 mass transportation service and facilities within the State
4 must:

5 (1) Improve the economic viability of Illinois by
6 facilitating the transportation of Illinois residents to
7 places of employment, to educational facilities, and to
8 commercial, medical, and shopping districts.

9 (2) Increase the frequency and reliability of
10 public transit service.

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

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

16 (b) Under the Illinois TRED Pilot Project Program, the
17 Department shall fund in fiscal year 2004, in coordination
18 and consultation with other government agencies that provide
19 or fund transportation services, the Illinois Public
20 Transportation Association, and transit advocates, projects
21 as specified in subsection (c). Total funding for each
22 project shall not exceed \$500,000 and the funding for all
23 projects shall not exceed \$3,000,000. The Department shall
24 submit annual reports to the General Assembly by March 1 of
25 each fiscal year regarding the status of these projects,
26 including service to constituents including local businesses,
27 seniors, and people with disabilities, costs, and other
28 appropriate measures of impact.

29 (c) The Department shall make grants to create:

30 (1) The Altgeld Gardens - Ford Supplier Park
31 Rush-hour service, which shall provide rush-hour-only
32 service (6:00 AM to 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM) that
33 shall start at 130th Street and State Street and go
34 directly to Altgeld Gardens (stopping at the store in the

1 center of Altgeld Gardens), then leave Altgeld Gardens
2 and go directly to the Ford supplier park on 130th
3 Street, then to 130th and Torrence Avenue (the Ford
4 production plant), then north on Torrence Avenue with at
5 least one stop close to Washington High School, then to
6 the shopping plaza at 95th Street and Stony Island. After
7 completing its route, the bus shall turn around and go
8 back on the same route. Service shall be every 20
9 minutes.

10 (2) The Pilsen/Lawndale Demonstration Project,
11 which consists of the following:

12 (A) Pilsen Commercial route, which shall
13 create weekday bus service to support the 16th and
14 18th street commercial district. Service shall begin
15 at Cicero and Cermak and proceed along 16th Street
16 and then 18th Street to Michigan Ave. This service
17 shall run on weekdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
18 and then from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.

19 (B) Lawndale-to-the-Loop Rush hour express
20 route, which shall create an extended rush-hour-only
21 express service (4:00 a.m to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.
22 to 10:00 p.m.), starting at Pulaski and Cermak and
23 traveling along Ogden and Polk with limited stops
24 between Pulaski, the Medical District, and the
25 Chicago Loop.

26 (3) The Intertownship Transportation Program for
27 Northwest Suburban Cook County, which shall complement
28 existing Pace service and involve cooperation of several
29 townships to provide transportation services for senior
30 and disabled residents across village and township
31 boundaries that is currently not provided by Pace and by
32 individual townships and municipalities.

33 (4) RIDES transit services to Richland and Lawrence
34 Counties to extend transit services into Richland and

1 Lawrence Counties and enhance service in Wayne, Edwards,
2 and Wabash Counties that share common travel patterns and
3 needs with Lawrence and Richland counties. Funding shall
4 be used to develop a route structure that shall
5 coordinate social service and general public requirements
6 and obtain vehicles to support the additional service.

7 (5) Peoria Regional Transportation Initiative,
8 which shall fund the development of a plan to create a
9 regional transportation service in the Peoria-Pekin MSA
10 that integrates and expands the existing services and
11 that would allow local leaders to develop a funding plan
12 and a timetable to secure final political approval. The
13 plan is intended to facilitate regional economic
14 development and provide greater mobility to workers,
15 senior citizens, and people with disabilities.

16 (6) Rock Island MetroLINK/Black Hawk College
17 Coordination Project, which shall provide a deeply
18 discounted, semester-based bus pass for unlimited travel
19 on any MetroLINK bus route to students and faculty at
20 local community colleges to increase ridership on the
21 metropolitan bus system and better link community college
22 students with transportation alternatives.

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