

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 30 as follows:

6 (70 ILCS 3605/30) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 330)

7 Sec. 30. The Board shall make all rules and regulations  
8 governing the operation of the transportation system, shall  
9 determine all routings and change the same whenever it is  
10 deemed advisable by the Board, subject to the provisions of any  
11 ordinance granting rights to the Authority. Except as provided  
12 in Sections 2.04 and Section 4.11(b)(5) of the "Regional  
13 Transportation Authority Act", the Board shall fix rates, fares  
14 and charges for transportation, provided that they shall be at  
15 all times sufficient in the aggregate to provide revenues (a)  
16 for the payment of the interest on and principal of all bonds,  
17 certificates and other obligations payable from said revenues  
18 and to meet all other charges upon such revenues as provided by  
19 any trust agreement executed by the Authority in connection  
20 with the issuance of bonds or certificates under this Act, (b)  
21 for the payment of all operating costs including all charges  
22 which may be incurred pursuant to Sections 29 and 39 of this  
23 Act and all other costs and charges incidental to the operation

1 of the transportation system, (c) for the payment of all costs  
2 and charges incurred pursuant to Sections 37 and 38 of this Act  
3 and any other costs and charges for acquisition, installation,  
4 construction or for replacement or reconstruction of  
5 equipment, structures or rights of way not financed through  
6 issuance of bonds or certificates under Section 12 of this Act,  
7 and (d) for any compensation required to be paid to any  
8 municipality for the use of streets, subways and other public  
9 ways. The Board may provide free transportation within any  
10 municipality in and by which they are employed for firemen and  
11 public health nurses, when in uniform, and policemen when in  
12 uniform or, when not in uniform, upon presentation of  
13 identification as policemen, and shall provide free  
14 transportation to sworn law enforcement personnel of the Cook  
15 County Sheriff's Department when in uniform or, when not in  
16 uniform, upon presentation of identification as sworn law  
17 enforcement personnel of the Cook County Sheriff's Department,  
18 and may provide free transportation for employees of the  
19 Authority when in uniform or upon presentation of  
20 identification as such employees, and may enter into agreements  
21 with the United States Post Office Department for the  
22 transportation of mail, and the payment of compensation to the  
23 Authority in lieu of fares for the transportation of letter  
24 carriers, when in uniform at all times.

25 The Board may also provide free transportation, or  
26 transportation at reduced fares, to all or designated classes

1 of pupils in attendance at public schools of school districts  
2 within or partly within the territorial limits of the  
3 Authority, or in attendance at private schools offering grades  
4 of instruction comparable to those offered in public schools,  
5 under such conditions as shall be prescribed by the Board, and,  
6 if otherwise authorized by law, the Board may contract with  
7 public school boards and representatives of private schools,  
8 for reimbursement of pupil transportation costs from public  
9 funds.

10 (Source: P.A. 83-886.)

11 Section 10. The Regional Transportation Authority Act is  
12 amended by changing Section 2.04 and adding Sections 2.35,  
13 2.37, 3B.20, and 3B.25 as follows:

14 (70 ILCS 3615/2.04) (from Ch. 111 2/3, par. 702.04)

15 Sec. 2.04. Fares and Nature of Service.

16 (a) Whenever a Service Board provides any public  
17 transportation by operating public transportation facilities,  
18 the Service Board shall provide for the level and nature of  
19 fares or charges to be made for such services, and the nature  
20 and standards of public transportation to be so provided that  
21 meet the goals and objectives adopted by the Authority in the  
22 Strategic Plan. Provided, however that if the Board adopts a  
23 budget and financial plan for a Service Board in accordance  
24 with the provisions in Section 4.11(b)(5), the Board may

1 consistent with the terms of any purchase of service contract  
2 provide for the level and nature of fares to be made for such  
3 services under the jurisdiction of that Service Board, and the  
4 nature and standards of public transportation to be so  
5 provided.

6 (b) Whenever a Service Board provides any public  
7 transportation pursuant to grants made after June 30, 1975, to  
8 transportation agencies for operating expenses (other than  
9 with regard to experimental programs) or pursuant to any  
10 purchase of service agreement, the purchase of service  
11 agreement or grant contract shall provide for the level and  
12 nature of fares or charges to be made for such services, and  
13 the nature and standards of public transportation to be so  
14 provided. A Service Board shall require all transportation  
15 agencies with which it contracts, or from which it purchases  
16 transportation services or to which it makes grants to provide  
17 half fare transportation for their student riders if any of  
18 such agencies provide for half fare transportation to their  
19 student riders.

20 (c) In so providing for the fares or charges and the nature  
21 and standards of public transportation, any purchase of service  
22 agreements or grant contracts shall provide, among other  
23 matters, for the terms or cost of transfers or interconnections  
24 between different modes of transportation and different public  
25 transportation agencies, schedules or routes of such service,  
26 changes which may be made in such service, the nature and

1 condition of the facilities used in providing service, the  
2 manner of collection and disposition of fares or charges, the  
3 records and reports to be kept and made concerning such  
4 service, for interchangeable tickets or other coordinated or  
5 uniform methods of collection of charges, and shall further  
6 require that the transportation agency comply with any  
7 determination made by the Board of the Authority under and  
8 subject to the provisions of Section 2.12b of this Act. In  
9 regard to any such service, the Authority and the Service  
10 Boards shall give attention to and may undertake programs to  
11 promote use of public transportation and to provide coordinated  
12 ticket sales and passenger information. In the case of a grant  
13 to a transportation agency which remains subject to Illinois  
14 Commerce Commission supervision and regulation, the Service  
15 Boards shall exercise the powers set forth in this Section in a  
16 manner consistent with such supervision and regulation by the  
17 Illinois Commerce Commission.

18 (d) By January 1, 2013, the Authority, in consultation with  
19 the Service Boards and the general public, must develop a  
20 policy regarding transfer fares on all fixed-route public  
21 transportation services provided by the Service Boards. The  
22 policy shall also set forth the fare sharing agreements between  
23 the Service Boards that apply to interagency fare passes and  
24 tickets. The policy established by the Authority shall be  
25 submitted to each of the Service Boards for its approval or  
26 comments and objection. After receiving the policy, the Service

1 Boards have 90 days to approve or take other action regarding  
2 the policy. If all of the Service Boards agree to the policy,  
3 then a regional agreement shall be created and signed by each  
4 of the Service Boards. The terms of the agreement may be  
5 changed upon petition by any of the Service Boards and by  
6 agreement of the other Service Boards.

7 (e) By January 1, 2015, the Authority must develop and  
8 implement a regional fare payment system. The regional fare  
9 payment system must use and conform with established  
10 information security industry standards and requirements of  
11 the financial industry. The system must allow consumers to use  
12 contactless credit cards, debit cards, and prepaid cards to pay  
13 for all fixed-route public transportation services. Beginning  
14 in 2012 and each year thereafter until 2015, the Authority must  
15 submit an annual report to the Governor and General Assembly  
16 describing the progress of the Authority and each of the  
17 Service Boards in implementing the regional fare payment  
18 system. The Authority must adopt rules to implement the  
19 requirements set forth in this Section.

20 (Source: P.A. 95-708, eff. 1-18-08.)

21 (70 ILCS 3615/2.35 new)

22 Sec. 2.35. Vehicle arrival information. By July 1, 2012,  
23 all Service Boards must make available web-based, real-time  
24 vehicle arrival information for use by riders for all  
25 fixed-route public transportation services. The Authority

1 shall have access to all universally acceptable data feeds for  
2 vehicle arrival information.

3 (70 ILCS 3615/2.37 new)

4 Sec. 2.37. Wireless Internet study. By January 1, 2012, the  
5 Authority must prepare and submit a report to the Governor and  
6 General Assembly regarding the feasibility of providing  
7 wireless Internet services on all fixed-route public  
8 transportation services.

9 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.20 new)

10 Sec. 3B.20. Wireless Internet. The Commuter Rail Board must  
11 provide wireless Internet service on all passenger trains it  
12 owns or operates by January 1, 2012, but only if the service  
13 can be provided with no cost to the Commuter Rail Division.

14 (70 ILCS 3615/3B.25 new)

15 Sec. 3B.25. Automated external defibrillators. The  
16 Commuter Rail Board must conduct a study concerning the  
17 installation and use of automated external defibrillators on  
18 passenger trains operated by the Commuter Rail Board. No later  
19 than one year after the effective date of this amendatory Act  
20 of the 97th General Assembly, the Commuter Rail Board must  
21 report to the Governor and the General Assembly the results of  
22 the study. For the purposes of this Section, "automated  
23 external defibrillator" has the meaning ascribed to that term

1 in Section 10 of the Automated External Defibrillator Act.

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