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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

NINETY-THIRD SESSION

H. F. No. 3613

- 02/13/2024 Authored by Hornstein
The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy
- 03/04/2024 Adoption of Report: Amended and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means
- 03/11/2024 Adoption of Report: Placed on the General Register
Read for the Second Time
- 03/18/2024 Calendar for the Day
Read for the Third Time
Passed by the House and transmitted to the Senate

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to transportation; providing for clarifications on forecasted Metro Mobility

1.3 funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.386, subdivision 10;

1.4 Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 114.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 473.386, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

1.7 Subd. 10. **Forecasted funding.** (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "biennium" and

1.8 "fiscal year" have the meanings given in section 16A.011, subdivisions 6 and 14, respectively.

1.9 (b) In each February and November forecast of state revenues and expenditures under

1.10 section 16A.103, the commissioner of management and budget must incorporate a state

1.11 obligation from the general fund for the annual net costs to the council to implement the

1.12 special transportation service under this section. Notwithstanding section 16A.11, subdivision

1.13 3, the appropriation base in each fiscal year of the upcoming biennium is as determined in

1.14 this subdivision.

1.15 (c) The commissioner must determine net costs under paragraph (b) as:

1.16 (1) the amount necessary to:

1.17 (i) maintain service levels accounting for expected demand, including service area, hours

1.18 of service, ride scheduling requirements, and fares per council policy;

1.19 (ii) maintain the general existing condition of the special transportation service bus fleet,

1.20 including bus maintenance and replacement; and

1.21 (iii) meet the requirements of this section; plus

2.1 (2) the amount of forecast adjustments, as determined by the commissioner of
 2.2 management and budget in consultation with the council, necessary to match (i) actual
 2.3 special transportation service program costs in the prior fiscal year, and (ii) adjusted program
 2.4 costs forecasted for the second year of the current biennium, for a forecast prepared in the
 2.5 first year of the biennium; less

2.6 (3) funds identified for the special transportation service from nonstate sources.

2.7 (d) In conjunction with each February and November forecast, the council must submit
 2.8 a financial review of the special transportation service to the chairs and ranking minority
 2.9 members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over transportation policy and
 2.10 finance and to the commissioner of management and budget. At a minimum, the financial
 2.11 review must include:

2.12 (1) a summary of special transportation service sources of funds and expenditures for
 2.13 the prior two fiscal years and each fiscal year of the forecast period, which must include:

2.14 (i) a breakout by expenditures categories; and

2.15 (ii) information that is sufficient to identify a conversion between state fiscal years and
 2.16 the fiscal years of the council;

2.17 (2) details on cost assumptions used in the forecast;

2.18 (3) information on ridership and farebox recovery rates for the prior two fiscal years
 2.19 and each fiscal year of the forecast period;

2.20 (4) identification of the amount of appropriations necessary for any forecast adjustments
 2.21 as identified under paragraph ~~(d)~~ (c), clause (2); and

2.22 (5) information as prescribed by the commissioner.

2.23 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

2.24 Sec. 2. Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 5, article 4, section 114, the effective
 2.25 date, is amended to read:

2.26 **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.** This section is effective July 1, 2024, and
 2.27 ~~applies 2023.~~ Paragraphs (a) to (c) apply beginning with the November 2024 2023 forecast
 2.28 for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025. Paragraph (d) applies beginning with
 2.29 the February 2024 forecast for each fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2025, provided
 2.30 that the financial review in conjunction with the February 2024 forecast must be submitted
 2.31 within 45 days of the date of enactment of this section. This section applies in the counties
 2.32 of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, and Washington.

3.1 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective retroactively from July 1, 2023.