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2013 SENATE BILL 671

March 10, 2014 – Introduced by Senators MILLER, HARRIS and T. CULLEN, cosponsored by Representatives SARGENT, HULSEY, GENRICH, WRIGHT, HEBL, BERCEAU, KAHL, SHANKLAND, WACHS and MASON. Referred to Committee on Transportation, Public Safety, and Veterans and Military Affairs.

1 **AN ACT** *to amend* 85.20 (4m) (a) 6. cm., 85.20 (4m) (a) 6. d., 85.20 (4m) (a) 7. b.
2 and 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. of the statutes; **relating to:** mass transit operating aids
3 and making an appropriation.

Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau

Under current law, the Department of Transportation provides state aid payments to local public bodies in urban areas served by mass transit systems to assist the local public bodies with the expenses of operating those systems. There are four classes of urban mass transit systems for which funding is presently provided, referred to as Tier A-1, Tier A-2, Tier B, and Tier C. A Tier A-1 system has annual operating expenses of \$80,000,000 or more. A Tier A-2 system has annual operating expenses in excess of \$20,000,000 but less than \$80,000,000. A Tier B system operates within an urbanized area having a population of at least 50,000 or receives federal mass transit aid but has annual operating expenses of less than \$20,000,000. A Tier C system operates within an area having a population of less than 50,000 or receives federal mass transit aid. The total amount of state aid payments for each class of mass transit system is limited to a specified amount in each calendar year.

This bill increases the total amount of state aid payments for each class of mass transit system as follows: 1) by about 2 percent for Tier A-1 and A-2 systems; 2) by about 4 percent for Tier B systems; and 3) by about 6 percent for Tier C systems.

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For further information see the *state and local* fiscal estimate, which will be printed as an appendix to this bill.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

1 **SECTION 1.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 6. cm. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
2 Act 20, is amended to read:

3 85.20 (**4m**) (a) 6. cm. From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (ht), the
4 department shall pay \$61,724,900 for aid payable for calendar years 2012 to 2014
5 and 2013, \$62,959,400 for calendar year 2014, and \$64,193,900 for calendar year
6 2015 and thereafter, to the eligible applicant that pays the local contribution
7 required under par. (b) 1. for an urban mass transit system that has annual operating
8 expenses of \$80,000,000 or more. If the eligible applicant that receives aid under this
9 subd. 6. cm. is served by more than one urban mass transit system, the eligible
10 applicant may allocate the aid between the urban mass transit systems in any
11 manner the eligible applicant considers desirable.

12 **SECTION 2.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 6. d. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
13 Act 20, is amended to read:

14 85.20 (**4m**) (a) 6. d. From the appropriation under s. 20.395 (1) (hu), the
15 department shall pay \$16,219,200 for aid payable for calendar years 2012 to 2014
16 and 2013, \$16,543,600 for calendar year 2014, and \$16,868,000 for calendar year
17 2015 and thereafter, to the eligible applicant that pays the local contribution
18 required under par. (b) 1. for an urban mass transit system that has annual operating
19 expenses in excess of \$20,000,000 but less than \$80,000,000. If the eligible applicant
20 that receives aid under this subd. 6. d. is served by more than one urban mass transit

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1 system, the eligible applicant may allocate the aid between the urban mass transit
2 systems in any manner the eligible applicant considers desirable.

3 **SECTION 3.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 7. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
4 Act 20, is amended to read:

5 85.20 (4m) (a) 7. b. For the purpose of making allocations under subd. 7. a., the
6 amounts for aids are \$23,267,200 in calendar years 2012 and 2013, ~~\$23,544,900~~
7 \$24,486,700 in calendar year 2014, and \$24,486,700 in calendar year 2015 and
8 thereafter. These amounts, to the extent practicable, shall be used to determine the
9 uniform percentage in the particular calendar year.

10 **SECTION 4.** 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. of the statutes, as affected by 2013 Wisconsin
11 Act 20, is amended to read:

12 85.20 (4m) (a) 8. b. For the purpose of making allocations under subd. 8. a., the
13 amounts for aids are \$5,267,000 in calendar years 2012 and 2013, ~~\$4,989,300~~
14 \$5,288,700 in calendar year 2014, and \$5,188,900 in calendar year 2015 and
15 thereafter. These amounts, to the extent practicable, shall be used to determine the
16 uniform percentage in the particular calendar year.

17 **SECTION 5. Fiscal changes.**

18 (1) TIER B TRANSIT AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes
19 for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (1)
20 (hr) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
21 \$325,500 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes
22 effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the
23 schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the
24 department of transportation under section 20.395 (1) (hr) of the statutes, as affected
25 by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$706,300 for the second fiscal

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1 year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to increase funding
2 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

3 (2) TIER C TRANSIT AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes
4 for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (1)
5 (hs) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
6 \$74,900 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes
7 effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made. In the
8 schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for the appropriation to the
9 department of transportation under section 20.395 (1) (hs) of the statutes, as affected
10 by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by \$224,700 for the second fiscal
11 year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection takes effect to increase funding
12 for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

13 (3) TIER A-1 TRANSIT AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
14 statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section
15 20.395 (1) (ht) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is
16 increased by \$308,600 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this
17 subsection takes effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the
18 appropriation is made. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for
19 the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (1) (ht)
20 of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
21 \$925,800 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection
22 takes effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

23 (4) TIER A-2 TRANSIT AIDS. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the
24 statutes for the appropriation to the department of transportation under section
25 20.395 (1) (hu) of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is

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1 increased by \$81,100 for the first fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this
2 subsection takes effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the
3 appropriation is made. In the schedule under section 20.005 (3) of the statutes for
4 the appropriation to the department of transportation under section 20.395 (1) (hu)
5 of the statutes, as affected by the acts of 2013, the dollar amount is increased by
6 \$243,300 for the second fiscal year of the fiscal biennium in which this subsection
7 takes effect to increase funding for the purpose for which the appropriation is made.

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