

SENATE FILE 7
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A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to establishing a demonstration project for the
2 provision of transportation services for persons sixty years
3 of age and older.

4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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1 Section 1. Section 324A.2, Code 1997, is amended by adding
2 the following new unnumbered paragraph after unnumbered
3 paragraph 2:

4 NEW UNNUMBERED PARAGRAPH. The department shall establish a
5 one-year demonstration project, beginning July 1, 1997, to
6 provide a transportation service that gives special ridership
7 priority to meet critical services needs of persons sixty
8 years of age and older through cooperative agreements with
9 each of the area agencies on aging and the regional transit
10 system authorities located in the areas. Each area agency on
11 aging and the regional transit system authority in the area
12 shall report to the department on a quarterly basis the number
13 of persons sixty years of age and older who utilized the
14 service during the quarter, the number of one-way rides
15 provided, the destination of each trip, the mode of
16 transportation utilized, donations received for the service,
17 and the costs associated with providing the service. The
18 department shall assist each area agency on aging to seek
19 waivers of federal requirements which would hinder the
20 operation of the demonstration project.

21 Sec. 2. Section 324A.4, subsection 1, Code 1997, is
22 amended to read as follows:

23 1. The department shall compile and maintain current
24 information on available and pending federal, state, local,
25 and private aid affecting urban and rural public transit
26 programs. Public, private, and private nonprofit
27 organizations applying for or receiving federal, state or
28 local aid for providing transit services shall provide a copy
29 of their fiscal year operating budget annually prior to June 1
30 depicting funds used for public transit programs and such
31 other information as the department may require prior to
32 receiving any federal or state funds or any aid from a
33 political subdivision of the state. The operating budget
34 shall list all of the funding sources of the organization
35 along with the listing of funds expended by that organization

1 during the preceding fiscal year. The department, in co-
 2 operation with the regional planning agencies as the
 3 responsible agency for annual updating the regional transit
 4 development programs, shall compile this information annually.
 5 Any state agency or organization administering funds for
 6 transit services is required to submit all funding requests
 7 through the regional and state clearinghouse and the state
 8 department of transportation. Any organization, state agency,
 9 political subdivision, and public transit system, except
 10 public school transportation and transportation provided by an
 11 area agency on aging exclusively for the benefit of persons
 12 sixty years of age and older, either directly or indirectly,
 13 through service contracts to other private or nonprofit
 14 agencies, receiving federal, state or local aid to provide or
 15 contract for public transit services or transportation to the
 16 general public and specific client groups, must coordinate and
 17 consolidate funding and resulting service, to the maximum
 18 extent possible, with the urban or regional transit system.

19 EXPLANATION

20 This bill directs the Iowa department of transportation to
 21 establish a one-year demonstration project, beginning on July
 22 1, 1997, to provide transportation services for persons 60
 23 years of age and older through a coordinated effort between
 24 area agencies on aging and regional transit system
 25 authorities. The bill also exempts transportation services
 26 provided by area agencies on aging exclusively to persons 60
 27 years of age and older from the requirements that the funding
 28 for the service and the provision of the service be
 29 coordinated and consolidated with the local urban or regional
 30 transit system.

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**SENATE FILE 7
FISCAL NOTE**

A fiscal note for **Senate File 7** is hereby submitted pursuant to Joint Rule 17. Data used in developing this fiscal note is available from the Legislative Fiscal Bureau to members of the Legislature upon request.

Senate File 7 directs the Department of Transportation to establish a one-year demonstration project, beginning on July 1, 1997, to provide transportation services for persons 60 years and older through a coordinated effort between the area agencies on aging and the regional transit systems.

FISCAL IMPACT

The cost of SF 7 cannot be estimated due to insufficient data. However, the Bill would require local transit providers to use funds currently budgeted for general public transit purposes for implementing the demonstration project. This could result in a reduction of public transit services.

SOURCE

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