



Senate

General Assembly

File No. 211

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Senate Bill No. 277

Senate, April 3, 2024

The Committee on Transportation reported through SEN. COHEN of the 12th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT RESTORING SERVICE ON THE SHORE LINE EAST RAIL LINE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) Not later than July 1, 2024, the
- 2 Department of Transportation shall restore service on the Shore Line
- 3 East rail line to the same level of service that existed prior to the
- 4 reduction in service due to the COVID-19 public health emergency and
- 5 the civil preparedness emergency declared by the Governor on March
- 6 10, 2020.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

TRA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 25 \$	FY 26 \$
Department of Transportation	TF - Cost	See Below	\$34.8 million

Note: TF=Transportation Fund

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to restore service on the Shore Line East rail line to pre-COVID levels.

The full-year costs for restoring services by July 1, 2024, as required by the bill, are \$33.2 million. However, given the required notice and hearing processes and other operational issues, it is expected that DOT would be unable to meet the bill's initial deadline. It is likely to take at least an additional six months to implement, which would lead to an anticipated cost of less than half the annual total, or less than \$16.6 million. The full-year FY 26 cost is approximately \$34.8 million, which includes anticipated cost growth in overall expenses related to SLE operations.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

OLR Bill Analysis

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SUMMARY

The Office of Legislative Research does not analyze Special Acts.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 33 Nay 3 (03/18/2024)