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Introduced by M. of A. BRENNAN, DINOWITZ, ABBATE, GOTTFRIED, CLARK, JACOBS, MILLMAN, JEFFRIES, KELLNER, LANCMAN, TITONE, ROBINSON, CYMBROWITZ, WEISENBERG, ROSENTHAL, KAVANAGH -- Multi-Sponsored by -- M. of A. BENEDETTO, BENJAMIN, BOYLAND, BROOK-KRASNY, DIAZ, V. LOPEZ, MAISEL, PHEFFER, TOWNS -- read once and referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

AN ACT to amend chapter 55 of the laws of 2008, enacting the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget, in relation to making appropriations to the metropolitan transportation authority for the purpose of adjusting the reimbursement rate from the state of New York to accurately reflect the actual use of the student MetroCards

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK, REPRESENTED IN SENATE AND ASSEMBLY, DO ENACT AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Legislative intent. The city of New York has relied upon New York City Transit Authority to provide safe, efficient, and cost effective transportation for all public school children. In return, the state has agreed to reimburse the metropolitan transportation authority for these fares. Over the last decade the state has failed to reimburse the metropolitan transportation authority for the actual cost of these rides which has caused financial shortfalls for the metropolitan transportation authority in the student fare subsidy. These shortfalls have been absorbed by the metropolitan transportation authority. The state of New York needs to continue its support of the student fare program, the students it serves, and the metropolitan transportation authority that provides this valuable and necessary service. Increasing the reimbursement for these services is just and a fiscally sound decision.

S 2. Section 1 of chapter 55 of the laws of 2008, enacting the transportation, economic development and environmental conservation budget, as amended by section 6 of chapter 496 of the laws of 2008, is amended

EXPLANATION--Matter in ITALICS (underscored) is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

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by repealing the items herein below set forth in brackets and by adding to such section the other items underscored in this section:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MASS TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM	[43,843,000]	83,600,000

General Fund / Aid to Localities
Local Assistance Account - 001

For payment to the metropolitan transportation authority for the costs of the reduced fare for school children program. No expenditure shall be made hereunder until a certificate of approval has been issued by the director of the budget and a copy of such certificate filed with the state comptroller, the chairperson of the senate finance committee and the chairperson of the assembly ways and means committee. Moneys appropriated herein may be made available at such times as deemed appropriate by the commissioner of transportation and the director of the budget, provided, however, that the amount of this appropriation available for expenditure and disbursement on and after September 1, 2008 shall be reduced by six percent of the amount that was undisbursed as of August 15, 2008 ..... [43,843,000] 83,600,000

S 3. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary any city with a population of over one million is hereby required to pay to the metropolitan transportation authority an amount not less than $32.9 million during its fiscal year ending no later than June 30, 2009 for the expenses related to the reduced fare student program.

S 4. This act shall take effect immediately; and shall be deemed to have been in full force and effect on and after April 1, 2008.