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LEGISLATIVE BILL 811

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A BILL

1 FOR AN ACT relating to the Nebraska Public Transportation Act;
2 to amend section 13-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of
3 Nebraska; to state intent to appropriate five million
4 dollars to the public transportation assistance program;
5 and to repeal the original section.
6 Be it enacted by the people of the State of Nebraska,

1 Section 1. Section 13-1209, Reissue Revised Statutes of
2 Nebraska, is amended to read:

3 13-1209 (1) A public transportation assistance program is
4 hereby established to provide state assistance for the operation of
5 public transportation systems. It is the intent of the Legislature
6 to appropriate five million dollars to the department for the
7 public transportation assistance program for FY2008-09.

8 (2) Any municipality, county, transit authority, or
9 qualified public-purpose organization shall be eligible to receive
10 financial assistance for the eligible operating costs of a public
11 transportation system, whether the applicant directly operates such
12 system or contracts for its operation. A qualified public-purpose
13 organization shall not be eligible for financial assistance under
14 the Nebraska Public Transportation Act if such organization is
15 currently receiving state funds for a program which includes
16 transportation services and such funding and services would be
17 duplicated by the act. Eligible operating costs shall include
18 those expenses incurred in the operation of a public transportation
19 system which exceed the amount of operating revenue and which
20 are not otherwise eligible for reimbursement from any available
21 federal programs other than those administered by the United States
22 Department of the Treasury.

23 (3) The state grant to an applicant shall not exceed
24 fifty percent of the eligible operating costs of the public
25 transportation system as provided for in subsection (2) of this

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1 section. The amount of state funds shall be matched by an equal
2 amount of local funds in support of operating costs.

3 Sec. 2. Original section 13-1209, Reissue Revised
4 Statutes of Nebraska, is repealed.