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HOUSE BILL DRH40023-MLz-19 (12/12)

Short Title: STI/Regional & Division Weighting.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Torbett.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ADJUST THE WEIGHTING ATTRIBUTED UNDER THE TRANSPORTATION INVESTMENT STRATEGY FORMULA TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION'S DIVISION ENGINEERS, THE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, AND THE RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, WHEN SELECTING REGIONAL IMPACT AND DIVISION NEED PROJECTS, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLANNING AND LONG TERM FUNDING SOLUTIONS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-189.11(d)(2)a. reads as rewritten:

"(2) Regional Impact Projects. – Thirty percent (30%) of the funds subject to this section shall be used for Regional Impact Projects and allocated by population of Distribution Regions based on the most recent estimates certified by the Office of State Budget and Management:

a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative criteria, qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank Regional Impact Projects involving highways that address cost-effective needs from a region-wide perspective and promote economic growth. Local input is defined as the rankings identified by the Department's ~~Transportation~~—Division Engineers, Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. ~~Transportation~~—Division Engineer local input scoring shall take into account public comments. The Department shall ensure that the public has a full opportunity to submit public comments, by widely available notice to the public, an adequate time period for input, and public hearings. Board of Transportation input shall be in accordance with G.S. 136-189.11(g)(1) and G.S. 143B-350(g). The criteria utilized for selection of Regional Impact Projects shall be based ~~thirty percent (30%) on local input~~ ten percent (10%) on the rankings identified by the Division Engineers, twenty percent (20%) on the rankings identified by the Metropolitan Planning Organizations and the Rural Transportation Planning Organizations, and seventy percent (70%) on consideration of a numeric scale of 100 points based on the following quantitative criteria:

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1 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-189.11(d)(3)a. reads as rewritten:

2 "(3) Division Need Projects. – Thirty percent (30%) of the funds subject to this
3 section shall be allocated in equal share to each of the Department divisions, as
4 defined in G.S. 136-14.1, and used for Division Need Projects.

5 a. Criteria. – A combination of transportation-related quantitative criteria,
6 qualitative criteria, and local input shall be used to rank Division Need
7 Projects involving highways that address cost-effective needs from a
8 Division-wide perspective, provide access, and address safety-related
9 needs of local communities. Local input is defined as the rankings
10 identified by the Department's ~~Transportation~~–Division Engineers,
11 Metropolitan Planning Organizations, and Rural Transportation
12 Planning Organizations. ~~Transportation~~–Division Engineer local input
13 scoring shall take into account public comments. The Department shall
14 ensure that the public has a full opportunity to submit public comments,
15 by widely available notice to the public, an adequate time period for
16 input, and public hearings. Board of Transportation input shall be in
17 accordance with G.S. 136-189.11(g)(1) and G.S. 143B-350(g). The
18 criteria utilized for selection of Division Need Projects shall be based
19 fifty percent (50%) on local input fifteen percent (15%) on the rankings
20 identified by the Department's Division Engineers, thirty-five percent
21 (35%) on the rankings identified by the Metropolitan Planning
22 Organizations and the Rural Transportation Planning Organizations, and
23 fifty percent (50%) on consideration of a numeric scale of 100 points
24 based on the following quantitative criteria, except as provided in
25 sub-subdivision b. of this subdivision:

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27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 136-189.11(d)(4)b. reads as rewritten:

28 "(4) Criteria for nonhighway projects. – Nonhighway projects subject to this
29 subsection shall be evaluated through a separate prioritization process
30 established by the Department that complies with all of the following:

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32 b. Local input shall include rankings of projects identified by the
33 Department's ~~Transportation~~–Division Engineers, Metropolitan Planning
34 Organizations, and Rural Transportation Planning Organizations.
35 ~~Transportation~~–Division Engineer local input scoring shall take into
36 account public comments. The Department shall ensure that the public
37 has a full opportunity to submit public comments, by widely available
38 notice to the public, an adequate time period for input, and public
39 hearings. Board of Transportation input shall be in accordance with
40 G.S. 136-189.11(g)(1) and G.S. 143B-350(g)."

41 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.