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SENATE BILL 172

Short Title: Remove Limits on Light Rail Funding. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ford (Primary Sponsor); Bryant, Clark, and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 2, 2017

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO REMOVE CERTAIN LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING FROM THE HIGHWAY
TRUST FUND FOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM PROJECTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Section 35.12(b) of S.L. 2016-94 is repealed.

SECTION 2. G.S. 136-189.10 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-189.10. Definitions.

The following definitions apply in this Article:

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(2) Division needs projects. – Includes only the following:

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e. Public transportation service not included in subdivision (3) or (4) of this section. This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail, intercity rail, and light rail. ~~Nothing in this sub-subdivision shall be construed as authorizing total State funding in excess of the maximum established in sub-subdivision g. of subdivision (3) of this section for commuter rail and light rail projects.~~

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(3) Regional impact projects. – Includes only the following:

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g. Public transportation service that spans two or more counties and that serves more than one municipality. ~~Programmed funds pursuant to this sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of any distribution region allocation.~~ This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail, intercity rail, and light rail. Total State funding for a commuter rail or light rail project shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the estimated total project costs used during the prioritization scoring process. The State shall not be responsible or liable for any project costs in excess of the maximum established under this sub-subdivision. Any agreement entered into by the State to fund a commuter rail or light rail project shall include language setting out the limitations set forth in this sub-subdivision.

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SECTION 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.

