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## **HOUSE BILL NO. 898**

Offered January 24, 2000

A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.5:1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to funds for counties that have withdrawn from the secondary system of state highways.

Patrons—Reid, Barlow, Baskerville, Cantor, Grayson, McEachin and Rhodes; Senators: Lambert, Marsh, Stosch and Watkins

Referred to Committee on Transportation

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34 35 **36**  Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.1-23.5:1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.1-23.5:1. Funds for counties that have withdrawn or elect to withdraw from the secondary system of state highways.

Notwithstanding the provisions of § 33.1-23.5, pursuant to § 33.1-23.1 A, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall make the following payments to counties which have withdrawn or elect to withdraw from the secondary system of state highways under the provisions of § 11 of Chapter 415 of the Acts of Assembly of 1932, and which have not elected to return: to any county having withdrawn prior to June 30, 1985, and having an area greater than 100 square miles, an amount equal to \$3,616 per lane mile for fiscal year 1986, and to any county having an area less than 100 square miles, 1999, an amount equal to \$7.201 \$10,953 per lane-mile for fiscal year 1986 1999; to any county that elects to withdraw after June 30, 1985, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall establish a rate per lane-mile for the first year using (i) an amount for maintenance based on maintenance standards and unit costs used by the Department of Transportation to prepare its secondary system maintenance budget for the year in which the county withdraws, and (ii) an amount for administration equal to five percent of the maintenance figure determined in (i) above. The payment rates shall be adjusted annually by the Board in accordance with procedures established for adjusting payments to cities and towns under § 33.1-41.1, and lane mileage shall be adjusted annually to include (i) streets and highways accepted for maintenance in the county system by the local governing body, or (ii) streets and highways constructed according to standards set forth in the county subdivision ordinance or county thoroughfare plan, and being not less than the standards set by the Department of Transportation. Such counties shall, in addition, each receive for construction from funds allocated pursuant to § 33.1-23.1 B 3 an annual amount calculated in the same manner as payments for construction in the state secondary highway system are calculated.

Payment of the funds shall be made in four equal sums, one in each quarter of the fiscal year, and shall be reduced, in the case of each such county, by the amount of federal-aid construction funds credited to each such county.