

Department of Planning and Budget 2004 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number HB795

House of Origin ☒ Introduced ☐ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron Watts

3. Committee House Transportation

4. Title Highway construction funds; primary system allocations.

5. Summary/Purpose:

Allocates primary system construction funds among the nine highway construction districts on the basis of the ratio of vehicle-miles traveled on the primary system in each district divided by the number of primary system lane miles in each district, weighted 90 percent, and a primary road need factor, as determined by the Commonwealth Transportation Board, weighted 10 percent.

6. Fiscal Impact Estimates are: Final, see Item 8.

7. Budget amendment necessary: No.

8. Fiscal implications:

The bill does not change the level of funding available for construction funding for distribution among the nine transportation construction districts. However, the level of funding each district currently receives may change and, therefore, could impact the six-year construction program.

The Current formula for use of construction dollars on the primary road system is the following:

- 70 percent vehicle miles traveled,
- 25 percent primary lane miles,
- 5 percent needs factor for Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg, and Bristol districts.

The bill will set the formula at 90 percent funding according to vehicle miles traveled per lane mile for use of construction dollars on the primary road system. In addition, the bill increases funding by 5 percent for the needs factor for Northern Virginia, Fredericksburg, and Bristol districts.

According the Department of Transportation, the interstate construction match could be affected. The first source of match is up to 25 percent of a district's primary system allocation and then it is "off the top" of remaining funds.

9. Specific agency or political subdivisions affected: Department of Transportation, the Commonwealth Transportation Board, and all localities with primary roads systems.

10. Technical amendment necessary: No

11. Other comments: HB 369 and HB 188 also modify the present formula.

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cc: Secretary of Transportation