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SENATE BILL NO. 193

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.1 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allocation of highway construction funds for rail projects that will result in mitigation of highway congestion.

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Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 33.1-23.1 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 33.1-23.1. Allocation of funds among highway systems.

A. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate each year from all funds made available for highway purposes such amount as it deems reasonable and necessary for the maintenance of roads within the interstate system of highways, the primary system of state highways, the secondary system of state highways and for city and town street maintenance payments made pursuant to § 33.1-41.1 and payments made to counties which have withdrawn or elect to withdraw from the secondary system of state highways pursuant to § 33.1-23.5:1.

B. After funds are set aside for administrative and general expenses and pursuant to other provisions in this title which provide for the disposition of funds prior to allocation for highway purposes, and after allocation is made pursuant to subsection A of this section, the Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate each year up to 10% of the funds remaining for highway purposes for the undertaking and financing of rail projects that, in the Board's determination, will result in mitigation of highway congestion. After the forgoing allocations have been made, the Board shall allocate the remaining funds available for highway purposes, exclusive of federal funds for the interstate system, among the several highway systems for construction first pursuant to §§ 33.1-23.1:1 and 33.1-23.1:2 and then as follows:

1. Forty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate system shall be allocated to the primary system of state highways, including the arterial network, and in addition, an amount shall be allocated to the primary system as interstate matching funds as provided in subsection B of § 33.1-23.2.

2. Thirty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate system shall be allocated to urban highways for state aid pursuant to § 33.1-44.

3. Thirty percent of the remaining funds exclusive of federal-aid matching funds for the interstate system shall be allocated to the secondary system of state highways.

C. Notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of this section, the General Assembly may, through the general appropriations act, permit the Governor to increase the amounts to be allocated to highway maintenance, highway construction, either or both.

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