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HOUSE BILL NO. 471

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A BILL to amend and reenact § 33.1-23.2 of the Code of Virginia, relating to allocation of construction funds for the state primary highway system.

Patrons—Watts, Albo, Amundson, Bulova, Cole, Hugo, Lingamfelter, Marsden, Plum, Rust, Scott, J.M. and Sickles; Senators: Petersen, Puller and Saslaw

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:**1. That § 33.1-23.2 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:**

§ 33.1-23.2. Allocation of construction funds for primary system and interstate match.

A. The Commonwealth Transportation Board shall allocate such funds as are available under subdivision B 1 of § 33.1-23.1 ~~B 1~~ to the primary system of state highways, including the arterial network, for construction and shall apportion such funds among the nine construction districts so that each construction district shall be allocated a share of such funds equal to the proportion that such construction district bears to the Commonwealth as a whole in terms of: ~~the ratio of vehicle-miles traveled on the primary system; divided by the primary road lane mileage in each construction district, weighted 90 percent,~~ and a primary road need factor, which adjusts the weights in the allocation formula for the construction district with the largest under-allocation relative to primary needs, ~~with vehicle-miles traveled weighted seventy percent, primary road lane mileage weighted twenty-five percent, and the primary road need factor weighted five percent weighted 10 percent.~~

B. Out of each district's total allocation of primary funds pursuant to ~~paragraph 4 of subsection subdivision B 1~~ of § 33.1-23.1, the Board shall allocate all needed interstate federal-aid matching funds, up to a maximum of twenty-five percent of the district's primary allocation. Any additional interstate federal-aid matching funds needed in a district shall be allocated by the Board from the Interstate Federal-Aid Matching Fund established in § 33.1-23.1:2.

C. Notwithstanding subsection A of this section, the Board may provide for exceptionally heavy expenditures for repairs or replacements made necessary by highway damage resulting from accidents, severe weather conditions, acts of God or vandalism.

D. Notwithstanding subsection A, the Board may, from funds available under subdivision B 1 of § 33.1-23.1, provide funding for the construction of highway projects maintained or to be maintained by a municipality, provided such project involves a component of the National Highway System and such funds are derived from allocations to the highway construction district in which such project is located. Any allocation under this subsection shall not diminish funds allocated or allocable to any such municipality under § 33.1-23.3.

E. Such funds allocated to the primary system shall, as far as possible, be allotted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year and public announcement made of such allotment but the Board shall not approve such allotment until after a public hearing at which political subdivisions of the Commonwealth and interested citizens may be heard.

In any case where any allotment of funds is made under this subsection to any county, all or a part of which subsequently is incorporated as or into a city or town, such allocation shall not be impaired thereby and the funds so allocated shall be expended as if such county or any part thereof had never become an incorporated city, but that portion of such city shall not be eligible to receive funds as a city during the same year it receives the funds allocated as a county or as any part of a county.

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