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HOUSE BILL NO. 2543

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A BILL to require the Virginia Department of Transportation to solicit proposals for improvements to U.S. Route 460 between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.

Patrons—McDonnell, Black, Cosgrove, Oder, Purkey and Suit; Senator: Blevins

Referred to Committee on Transportation

Whereas, improvements to the U.S. Route 460 corridor between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area would facilitate evacuation of Hampton Roads in the event of a hurricane, other natural disaster, or act of terrorism; and

Whereas, improvements to this corridor would also facilitate movement of freight and military forces and supplies to and from the ports of Hampton Roads; and

Whereas, state funds adequate to undertake the needed improvements in the U.S. Route 460 corridor are not likely to be available in the foreseeable future; and

Whereas, it is thus highly desirable that the Department of Transportation solicit proposals to construct the improvements to the U.S. Route 460 corridor between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995; now, therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. The Department of Transportation shall solicit proposals for improvements to U.S. Route 460 between Hampton Roads and the Richmond-Petersburg metropolitan area under the Public-Private Transportation Act of 1995.

The Department of Transportation shall submit to the Division of Legislative Automated Systems an executive summary and report of its progress in meeting the request of this act no later than the first day of the 2004 Regular Session of the General Assembly. The executive summary and report shall be submitted as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents and reports and shall be posted on the General Assembly's website