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SENATE BILL NO. 778

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee on Transportation
on February 3, 2005)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Potts)

A BILL to establish the Interstate Route 81 Corridor Multistate Transportation Planning Initiative.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. Short title.

This act shall be known and may be cited as the Interstate Route 81 Corridor Multistate Transportation Planning Initiative.

§ 2. Compact established.

Pursuant to the invitation in 49 USC § 5501 to develop a National Intermodal Transportation System that is economically efficient and environmentally sound, provides, the foundation for the United States to compete in the global economy, and will move individuals and property in an energy-efficient way, there is hereby established the Interstate Route 81 Corridor Multistate Transportation Planning Initiative.

§ 3. The Commonwealth of Virginia and the States of New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Maryland, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana agree, upon indicating a willingness to participate in this initiative:

1. To coordinate studies and planning initiatives for the design, construction, financing, and operation of optimal freight and passenger transportation facilities in the Interstate Route 81 corridor, a national and international transportation corridor, through and between points in the Commonwealth of Virginia and the several aforementioned states;

2. To coordinate efforts to identify a cost-effective and efficient combination of transportation infrastructure development including highway expansion, higher-speed rail service, coordinated user regulations and enforcement proposals at the federal, state, and local governmental levels;

3. To coordinate and promote joint planning by the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation, the Virginia Department of Transportation and the departments of transportation of the aforementioned states; and

4. To collaborate to identify funding and resources for innovative and appropriate passenger and freight transportation improvement concepts, including improved infrastructure, user regulation and enforcement options, which most effectively meet the purpose and need of the corridor for safe, efficient, cost effective and environmentally sound approach.