GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2001

H HOUSE BILL 1229

Short Title: Highway Maintenance Funds-Sources/Distribution. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Shubert; Russell and Harrington.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT REQUIRING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO

DETERMINE THE GEOGRAPHICAL SOURCES OF MAINTENANCE FUNDS,

TO PROVIDE FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF MAINTENANCE FUNDS, AND

TO REQUIRE INTERNET REPORTING OF ALL MAINTENANCE AND

CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 136-44.17. Maintenance funding.

- (a) The Department of Transportation shall work with the Department of Revenue to determine annually by county the sources of funds allocated to the Highway Fund and the Highway Trust Fund. Taxes that cannot be directly sourced to the county of origin will be allocated based on population in order to determine what each county contributes to the State for highway funding.
- (b) At least twenty percent (20%) of the funds derived from each county shall be used for road maintenance in that county in the following year.
- (c) The Department of Transportation shall consult with county commissioners or their designees before funding any maintenance projects in their counties. If the county commissioners object to the use of a contractor because of a prior record of inadequate performance, that contractor may not be used.
- (d) The Department of Transportation shall promptly post on their Internet site a record of all funds expended for maintenance or road construction (including discretionary projects) since 1998 and shall update this record at least annually. The records shall be posted by county, by amount, by contractor, with the work described by road name or bridge location (with sufficient detail to permit a layman to know where the work was done), with a description of the type of work done, the date on which the

- contract was let, the projected completion time, the date on which the project began, and 1
- when it was actually completed." 2
- **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law. 3