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HOUSE BILL DRH40398-MW-82

Short Title: Modernize STI Transit Funding.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Belk.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO MODERNIZE STI TRANSIT FUNDING.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-189.10(2)e. reads as rewritten:

5 "e. Public transportation service not included in subdivision (3) or (4) of  
6 this section. This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail, intercity  
7 rail, and light rail. ~~Nothing in this sub-subdivision shall be construed~~  
8 ~~as authorizing total State funding in excess of the maximum~~  
9 ~~established in sub-subdivision g. of subdivision (3) of this section for~~  
10 ~~commuter rail and light rail projects."~~

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-189.10(3)g. reads as rewritten:

12 "g. Public transportation service that spans two or more counties and that  
13 serves more than one municipality. ~~Programmed funds pursuant to this~~  
14 ~~sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of any distribution~~  
15 ~~region allocation. This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail,~~  
16 ~~intercity rail, and light rail. Total State funding for a commuter rail or~~  
17 ~~light rail project shall not exceed the lesser of ten percent (10%) of the~~  
18 ~~distribution region allocation or ten percent (10%) of the estimated~~  
19 ~~total project costs used during the prioritization scoring process. The~~  
20 ~~State shall not be responsible or liable for any project costs in excess~~  
21 ~~of the maximum established under this sub-subdivision. Any~~  
22 ~~agreement entered into by the State to fund a commuter rail or light~~  
23 ~~rail project shall include language setting out the limitations set forth~~  
24 ~~in this sub-subdivision."~~

25 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 136-189.10(4) is amended by adding a new sub-subdivision to

26 read:

27 "i. Public transportation service that spans four or more counties and that  
28 serves more than three municipalities."

29 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 136-189.11(d1) is repealed.

30 **SECTION 5.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

