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HOUSE BILL 735

Short Title: Modernize STI Transit Funding. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Belk, Morey, T. Brown, and Lopez (Primary Sponsors).
For a complete list of sponsors, refer to the North Carolina General Assembly web site.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 3, 2025

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29 **SECTION 4.** G.S. 136-189.11(d1) is repealed.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

