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SENATE BILL DRS35419-MWa-107

Short Title:	Repeal STI Cap on Light Rail/Fund Rail Safety.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Mohammed (Primary Sponsor).	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REPEAL THE STI FUNDING CAP ON LIGHT RAIL AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY ON THE CATS BLUE LYNX RAIL LINE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-189.10 reads as rewritten:

"**§ 136-189.10. Definitions.**

The following definitions apply in this Article:

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(2) Division needs projects. – Includes only the following:

…

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

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(3) Regional impact projects. – Includes only the following:

…

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

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SECTION 2. G.S. 136-189.11(d1) is repealed.

SECTION 3. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2026-2027 fiscal year to be used for safety and security on the CATS Blue Lynx rail line.

SECTION 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.