

Senate Bill 127

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**AS PASSED SENATE**

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated,  
2 relating to the allocation of funds for public roads, so as to change the provisions regarding  
3 the balancing of federal and state funds; to provide an effective date; to repeal conflicting  
4 laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 **SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the  
8 allocation of funds for public roads, is amended by striking subsection (a) of Code Section  
9 32-5-30, relating to allocation of state and federal funds, and inserting in its place the  
10 following:

11 "(a) The total of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund under paragraphs  
12 (4), (5), and (6) of Code Section 32-5-21 plus expenditures of federal funds appropriated  
13 to the department, not including any state or federal funds specifically designated for  
14 maintenance and operations, any project undertaken for purposes of providing for the  
15 planning, surveying, constructing, paving, and improving of The Dwight D. Eisenhower  
16 System of Interstate and Defense Highways within the state, any project undertaken for  
17 purposes of the Developmental Highway System provided by Code Section 32-4-22, ~~or~~ any  
18 project of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, any Railroad Rehabilitation and  
19 Improvement Financing Program project, High Priority or Demonstration project, or  
20 Surface Transportation Program project undertaken pursuant to the provisions of the  
21 federal Transportation Equity Act for the Twenty-first Century, Public Law 105-178, as  
22 amended, and any successor such act, any Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds  
23 obtained pursuant to the federal Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991,  
24 Public Law 102-240, as amended, and any successor such act, ~~or~~ Georgia Ports Authority,  
25 or Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, shall be budgeted by the department over  
26 each five-year period commencing July 1, ~~1999~~ 2003, and quinquennially thereafter such

1 that at the end of such period funding obligations equivalent to at least ~~85~~ 70 percent of  
2 such total for such period shall have been divided equally among the congressional districts  
3 in this state, as those districts existed at the commencement of such period, for public road  
4 and other public transportation purposes in such districts; with the remainder of such total  
5 divided among such congressional districts such that 5 percent of such total for such period  
6 shall have been obligated for public road projects incidental to economic development  
7 purposes anywhere in this state, and no such congressional district shall have received  
8 funding obligations pursuant to this subsection for such period which are more than 20  
9 percent greater than that received by any other such congressional district pursuant to this  
10 subsection for such period."

11 **SECTION 2.**

12 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2003.

13 **SECTION 3.**

14 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.

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