

House Bill 1257

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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 the  
17 use of Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality funds within a nonattainment area, any  
18 project undertaken for purposes of the Developmental Highway System provided by Code  
19 Section 32-4-22, or any project of the Georgia Regional Transportation Authority, Georgia  
20 Ports Authority, or Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid Transit Authority, shall be budgeted by the  
21 department over each five-year period commencing July 1, ~~1999~~ 2003, and quinquennially  
22 thereafter such that at the end of such period funding obligations equivalent to at least 85  
23 percent of such total for such period shall have been divided equally among the  
24 congressional districts in this state, as those districts existed at the commencement of such  
25 period, for public road and other public transportation purposes in such districts; with the  
26 remainder of such total divided among such congressional districts such that 5 percent of

1 such total for such period shall have been obligated for public road projects incidental to  
2 economic development purposes anywhere in this state, and no such congressional district  
3 shall have received funding obligations pursuant to this subsection for such period which  
4 are more than 20 percent greater than that received by any other such congressional district  
5 pursuant to this subsection for such period."

6 **SECTION 2.**

7 This Act shall become effective on July 1, 2004.

8 **SECTION 3.**

9 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.