

The Senate Transportation Committee offered the following substitute to SB 4:

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 state and federal funds for public roads, so as to exempt projects
3 on the interstate system from balancing by congressional district; to repeal conflicting laws;
4 and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

6 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
7 allocation of state and federal funds for public roads, is amended by striking in its entirety
8 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-5-30, relating to allocation of state and federal funds, and
9 inserting in its place the following:
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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 the Developmental
15 Highway System provided by Code Section 32-4-22, ~~or any project of the Georgia~~
16 ~~Regional Transportation Authority, Georgia Ports Authority, or Metropolitan Atlanta Rapid~~
17 ~~Transit Authority, or any project on The Dwight D. Eisenhower System of Interstate and~~
18 ~~Defense Highways,~~ shall be budgeted by the department over ~~each five-year period~~
19 ~~commencing July 1, 1999, and quinquennially thereafter~~ two successive budgeting periods
20 every decade. The first budgeting period shall commence immediately following
21 redistricting of congressional districts after each decennial census and shall be for a
22 duration of five years. The second budgeting period shall continue until the beginning of
23 the budgeting period following the next redistricting of congressional districts after each
24 decennial census. The department shall budget such expenditures such that at the end of
25 such budgeting period funding obligations equivalent to at least 85 percent of such total for
26 such budgeting period shall have been divided equally among the congressional districts

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

9 **SECTION 2.**

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