

House Bill 723

By: Representatives Sheldon of the 105th, Jones of the 46th, May of the 111th, Mumford of the 95th, Lindsey of the 54th, and others

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
3 Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality Improvement Program projects from balancing by
4 congressional district; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to the
8 allocation of state and federal funds for public roads, is amended by striking in its entirety
9 subsection (a) of Code Section 32-5-30, relating to allocation of state and federal funds, and
10 inserting in its place the 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 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 of the Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ)
18 Improvement Program, shall be budgeted by the department over each five-year period
19 commencing July 1, 1999, and quinquennially thereafter such that at the end of such period
20 funding obligations equivalent to at least 85 percent of such total for such period shall have
21 been divided equally among the congressional districts in this state, as those districts
22 existed at the commencement of such period, for public road and other public
23 transportation purposes in such districts; with the remainder of such total divided among
24 such congressional districts such that 5 percent of such total for such period shall have been
25 obligated for public road projects incidental to economic development purposes anywhere
26 in this state, and no such congressional district shall have received funding obligations

1 pursuant to this subsection for such period which are more than 20 percent greater than that
2 received by any other such congressional district pursuant to this subsection for such
3 period."

4 **SECTION 2.**

5 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.