

House Bill 202

By: Representatives Epps of the 144th, Roberts of the 155th, and Shaw of the 176th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

1 To amend Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges,
2 and ferries, so as to provide for requirements for performing value engineering studies; to
3 provide for criteria for the allocation of federal and state funds by the Department of
4 Transportation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other
5 purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

8 Title 32 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to highways, bridges, and ferries,
9 is amended by revising subsection (d) of Code Section 32-2-41.2, relating to the development
10 of benchmarks, reports, and value engineering studies by the Department of Transportation,
11 to read as follows:

12 "(d) Value engineering studies shall be performed on all projects whose costs exceed \$10
13 \$50 million, except for any project procured in accordance with Code Section 32-2-81, and
14 the director shall submit an annual report to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the
15 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the chairpersons of the House and Senate
16 Transportation Committees detailing the amount saved due to the value engineering
17 studies. This report shall also be published on the website of the department."

18 **SECTION 2.**

19 Said title is further amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a) of Code Section
20 32-5-30, relating to the allocation of state and federal funds, budgeting periods, and reduction
21 of funds, to read as follows:

22 "(a)(1) The total of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund under
23 paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of Code Section 32-5-21 plus expenditures of federal funds
24 appropriated to the department, ~~not including any federal funds specifically designated~~
25 ~~for projects that have been earmarked by a member of Congress in excess of appropriated~~

26 ~~funds~~, shall be budgeted by the department over two successive budgeting periods every
27 decade. However, such budgeting shall not include:

28 (A) Any federal funds specifically designated for projects that have been earmarked
29 by a member of Congress in excess of appropriated funds;

30 (B) Any funds for a project undertaken for purposes of providing for the planning,
31 surveying, constructing, paving, and improving of The Dwight D. Eisenhower System
32 of Interstate and Defense Highways within the state; or

33 (C) Any funds for a project undertaken for purposes of providing for the planning,
34 surveying, constructing, paving, and improving of any part of the state designated
35 freight corridor, when such designation is made by the director of planning with
36 approval from a majority of the board."

37 **SECTION 3.**

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