

Senate Bill 131

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Miller of the 49th, Beach of the 21st, Mullis of the 53rd,  
Seay of the 34th 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 funds for public roads, so as to provide for criteria for the  
3 allocation of federal and state funds by the Department of Transportation; to provide for  
4 related matters; 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 funds for public roads, is amended by revising paragraph (1) of subsection (a)  
9 of Code Section 32-5-30, relating to the allocation of state and federal funds, budgeting  
10 periods, and reduction of funds, to read as follows:

11 "(a)(1) The total of expenditures from the State Public Transportation Fund under  
12 paragraphs (4), (5), and (6) of Code Section 32-5-21 plus expenditures of federal funds  
13 appropriated to the department, ~~not including any federal funds specifically designated~~  
14 ~~for projects that have been earmarked by a member of Congress in excess of appropriated~~  
15 ~~funds~~, shall be budgeted by the department over two successive budgeting periods every  
16 decade. However, such budgeting shall not include:

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

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

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

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**SECTION 2.**

27 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.