

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1206

Sponsors: Representatives Perdue, Woodard, McLaughlin, Greenwood, Creech, Church, Bowie, Foster, Balmer, and Barbee.

Referred to: Rules.

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1 A JOINT RESOLUTION URGING EQUITABLE DISTRIBUTION OF MASS
2 TRANSIT ACCOUNT REVENUES.

3 Whereas, the Surface Transportation Act of 1982 established a one cent (1¢)
4 per gallon federal tax to fund mass transit capital costs; and

5 Whereas, this tax is referred to as the "Mass Transit Account of the Highway
6 Trust Fund" or the "transit penny"; and

7 Whereas, this tax was intended to fund transit capital projects, including
8 transit facilities and rolling stock, at the discretion of the Administrator of the Urban
9 Mass Transportation Administration of the United States Department of Transportation;
10 and

11 Whereas, a one cent (1¢) per gallon gasoline tax raises in excess of thirty-nine
12 million dollars (\$39,000,000) per year in North Carolina; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina has received an average of less than two million
14 dollars (\$2,000,000) per year from the federal programs funded by the Mass Transit
15 Account; and

16 Whereas, North Carolina has substantial unmet needs for public
17 transportation and mobility;

18 Now, therefore, be it resolved by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring:

19 Section 1. The North Carolina General Assembly urges the United States
20 Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, to recognize
21 that the major mobility needs of the citizens of the State of North Carolina cannot be
22 met solely with traditional public transportation solutions, and that a broadened

1 definition of public transportation—to include ridesharing, demand management, and
2 high occupancy vehicle lanes—would permit more appropriate responses to our low
3 density development patterns.

4 Sec. 2. The North Carolina General Assembly urges the United States
5 Department of Transportation, Urban Mass Transportation Administration, to use the
6 state of origin of the revenues as an important criterion in determining where
7 discretionary grants made from the Mass Transit Account are directed.

8 Sec. 3. The North Carolina General Assembly strongly urges Congress to:

- 9 (1) Incorporate a provision requiring a minimum allocation of Mass
10 Transit Account revenues based on each state's contribution to the
11 Account into any future authorization of the Account; and
12 (2) Structure future federal programs in such a way that state and local
13 governments can exercise maximum flexibility in identifying and
14 implementing specific surface transportation solutions appropriate to
15 their needs.

16 Sec. 4. The Secretary of State shall transmit a certified copy of this
17 Resolution to each member of the United States Congress representing North Carolina.

18 Sec. 5. This resolution is effective upon ratification.