

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60028-LB-60B* (2/18)

Short Title: North Carolina: Moving Ahead!. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Crawford and Cole.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT NORTH CAROLINA: MOVING AHEAD! BY
ALLOWING CASH BALANCES IN THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND TO BE
USED TO MEET CRUCIAL TRANSPORTATION NEEDS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-176 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(a2) The Department may use three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) in fiscal year 2003-2004 and four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000) in fiscal year 2004-2005 of the cash balance of the Highway Trust Fund for the following purposes:

(1) For highway system preservation and maintenance; modernization of existing roadways, signs, signals, and traffic control devices; and resurfacing of roadways.

(2) For improving the modal choices available by funding, planning, and implementation of regional public transit systems; modernization of rural and urban transit systems operating equipment; improvements to rail facilities; improvements to the ferry system; and to assist municipalities in incorporating bicycle and pedestrian options into their transportation plans."

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.