

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 171

Short Title: Remove Limits on Light Rail Funding. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Ford (Primary Sponsor); Bryant and Smith-Ingram.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 2, 2017

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REMOVE THE LIMITATIONS ON FUNDING FROM THE HIGHWAY TRUST
3 FUND FOR LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM PROJECTS.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Section 35.12(b) of S.L. 2016-94 is repealed.

6 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-189.10 reads as rewritten:

7 "**§ 136-189.10. Definitions.**

8 The following definitions apply in this Article:

9 ...
10 (2) Division needs projects. – Includes only the following:

11 ...
12 e. Public transportation service not included in subdivision (3) or (4) of
13 this section. This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail, intercity rail,
14 and light rail. ~~Nothing in this sub-subdivision shall be construed as~~
15 ~~authorizing total State funding in excess of the maximum established in~~
16 ~~sub-subdivision g. of subdivision (3) of this section for commuter rail~~
17 ~~and light rail projects.~~

18 ...
19 (3) Regional impact projects. – Includes only the following:

20 ...
21 g. Public transportation service that spans two or more counties and that
22 serves more than one municipality. ~~Programmed funds pursuant to this~~
23 ~~sub-subdivision shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of any distribution~~
24 ~~region allocation. This sub-subdivision includes commuter rail, intercity~~
25 ~~rail, and light rail. Total State funding for a commuter rail or light rail~~
26 ~~project shall not exceed ten percent (10%) of the estimated total project~~
27 ~~costs used during the prioritization scoring process. The State shall not~~
28 ~~be responsible or liable for any project costs in excess of the maximum~~
29 ~~established under this sub-subdivision. Any agreement entered into by~~
30 ~~the State to fund a commuter rail or light rail project shall include~~
31 ~~language setting out the limitations set forth in this sub-subdivision.~~

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33 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

