GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 233

Short Title: DOT Regional Equity. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw of Cumberland.

Referred to: Transportation.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CARRY OVER ANY UNSPENT TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM EQUITY REGION ALLOCATION TO THE NEXT YEAR AND TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO DEMONSTRATE COMPLIANCE WITH THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND EQUITY REGION FORMULA BY SUBMITTING YEARLY REPORTS DOCUMENTING SPENDING BY EQUITY REGION.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S 136-17.2A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(g) If funds allocated to a distribution region in any year by the Transportation Improvement Program cannot be expended as scheduled, the Secretary shall add the amount of the unexpended allocation to the next year's allocation to that region. Funds allocated to a distribution region that cannot be expended as planned shall not be used in any other region, but may be used to advance construction of other transportation improvements in that region."

Section 2. G.S. 136-17.2A is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

"(h) On or before December 1, 1999, the Secretary shall submit a report of actual expenditures for each distribution region, per year, beginning with fiscal year 1989-90 through fiscal year 1997-98. On or before December 1, 2000, and each year thereafter,

- 1 the Secretary shall update the report with the next year's expenditures. If the report
- 2 indicates that expenditures by distribution region do not comply with the provisions of
- 3 subsection (d) of this section, the Secretary shall also submit a plan to correct the
- 4 <u>imbalance.</u>"
- 5 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.