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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1226

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For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO RESTORE ARKANSAS'S INFRASTRUCTURE; TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE NEEDS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND THE POLICIES AND LAWS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS; TO PROVIDE FOR THE REINVESTMENT OF RURAL AND NONRURAL STATE HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES, COUNTY ROADS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION, AND CITY STREETS, BRIDGES, AND OTHER SURFACE TRANSPORTATION; TO UPDATE THE MOTOR FUEL AND DISTILLATE SPECIAL FUEL FORMULAS; TO DESIGNATE SPECIAL REVENUES; TO AMEND THE ARKANSAS HIGHWAY REVENUE DISTRIBUTION LAW; TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE A STUDY OF AND REPORT ON THE NEEDS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND THE POLICIES AND LAWS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The state has severe and pressing needs regarding the state highway system and local roads and bridges;

(2) Addressing the needs of the state highway system and local roads and bridges may require changes to the state's policies and laws to



provide the funding necessary to restore Arkansas's infrastructure; and

(3) It is in the best interests of the state to study the policies and laws necessary to adequately address the needs of the state highway system and local roads and bridges in preparation for implementing policies and laws to address those needs.

SECTION 2. DO NOT CODIFY. The purpose of this act is to have the General Assembly and relevant stakeholders:

(1) Study the policies and laws necessary to address the needs of the state highway system, including without limitation policies and laws concerning the following:

(A) Reinvesting in rural and nonrural state highways and bridges, county roads and bridges, and city streets and bridges;

(B) Updating the motor fuel and distillate special fuel formulas;

(C) Designating special revenues to address the needs of the state highway system and local roads and bridges; and

(D) Amending the Arkansas Highway Revenue Distribution Law, § 27-70-201 et seq.; and

(2) Report on the results of the study required under this section to the Legislative Council or, if the General Assembly is in session, to the Joint Budget Committee, by December 31, 2018.

SECTION 3. EMERGENCY CLAUSE. It is found and determined by the General Assembly of the State of Arkansas that the highways, roads, streets, and bridges of this state are in dire need of construction, reconstruction, and maintenance; that well-maintained highways, roads, streets, and bridges are necessary for economic development in this state; and that providing for a study of and report on how to address funding the construction, reconstruction, and maintenance of the highways, roads, streets and bridges of this state to address the needs of the state highway system and local roads and bridges is necessary to improve the state's infrastructure in a responsible manner. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, and safety shall become effective on July 1, 2017.