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HOUSE BILL DRH30255-MWa-20

Short Title: Orphan Roads DOT Maintenance Program. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Winslow.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ORPHAN ROADS DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
3 MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT.

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 SECTION 1. This act shall be known as the "Orphan Roads Department of
6 Transportation Maintenance Program Grant."

7 SECTION 2. The Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund is established as
8 a special fund within the Department of Transportation to be administered by the Department.

9 SECTION 3. The purpose of this act is to award funds for the improvement of
10 subdivision streets located within a county that do not meet Department of Transportation
11 minimum construction requirements for addition to the State highway system for maintenance.

12 SECTION 4. There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of
13 Transportation for the 2023-2024 fiscal year the sum of seventy-five million dollars
14 (\$75,000,000) in nonrecurring funds to be allocated to the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program
15 Grant Fund established in Section 2 of this act. Subject to Section 5 of this act, unexpended funds
16 shall not revert.

17 SECTION 5. The Secretary of Transportation shall establish procedures and criteria
18 and adopt rules for awarding funds under this act to a county for the improvement of a subdivision
19 street in accordance with all of the following requirements:

- 20 (1) The subdivision is not located within the corporate limits of a municipality.
21 (2) The total aggregate amount of funds awarded to a subdivision shall not exceed
22 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
23 (3) The required local share of matching funds by the county shall be twenty-five
24 cents (25¢) for every one dollar (\$1.00) awarded. A county may satisfy this
25 condition by financing the local share in accordance with G.S. 153A-205.
26 (4) An award of funds under this act shall not be distributed to a county until the
27 Department accepts the subdivision street for addition to the State highway
28 system for maintenance.

29 SECTION 6. This act is repealed effective June 30, 2028. The Department shall
30 close the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund after transferring any remaining
31 balance to the Highway Fund for subsequent appropriation by the General Assembly.

32 SECTION 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.

