

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to the law as it existed prior to this session of the General Assembly.

1 State of Arkansas
2 87th General Assembly
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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1012

5 By: Representative D. Hutchinson
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS
10 ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS
11 ON HIGHWAY FUNDING BEFORE EACH REGULAR SESSION
12 AND EACH FISCAL SESSION BY REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR
13 OF THE ARKANSAS STATE HIGHWAY AND TRANSPORTATION
14 DEPARTMENT TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THE LOCATION
15 OF THE MOST CONGESTED ROUTES, THE MOST DANGEROUS
16 TRANSPORTATION AREAS, THE EXPENDITURE PER PERSON
17 OF STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS IN EACH
18 CONGRESSIONAL AND STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION
19 DISTRICT, AND THE NUMBER OF MILES OF THE STATE
20 HIGHWAY SYSTEM THAT ARE IN EACH CONGRESSIONAL AND
21 STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER
22 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

24 TO ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS
25 ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED
26 DECISIONS ON HIGHWAY FUNDING BEFORE EACH
27 REGULAR SESSION AND EACH FISCAL SESSION.
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31 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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33 SECTION 1. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 65, Subchapter 1 is amended
34 to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 27-65-144. Additional reporting before each regular session and each
36 fiscal session.



1 (a) As used in this section:

2 (1)(A) "Congested route" means a street or highway that is part
 3 of the state highway system and is:

4 (i) A rural two-lane street or highway with an
 5 average daily traffic count of nine thousand (9,000) or more vehicles each
 6 day;

7 (ii) An urban two-lane street or highway with an
 8 average daily traffic count of thirteen thousand (13,000) or more vehicles
 9 each day;

10 (iii) A four-lane street or highway with an average
 11 daily traffic count of fifty thousand (50,000) or more vehicles each day; or

12 (iv) A six-lane street or highway with an average
 13 daily traffic count of eighty thousand (80,000) or more vehicles each day.

14 (B) "Congested route" includes areas that have a high
 15 volume of traffic that consistently causes extended delays during peak usage
 16 times;

17 (2) "Discretionary funds" means funds available for use by the
 18 State Highway Commission or the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation
 19 Department that are not:

20 (A) Designated for a specific use under law;

21 (B) Required to be used by law or by contract for debt
 22 service; or

23 (C) Required to be used by law or by contract as a source
 24 for matching funds; and

25 (3) "Peak usage time" means the time of day during the week that
 26 the majority of people use streets and highways to travel to and from work or
 27 school, or both.

28 (b) Upon the convening of the General Assembly at each regular session
 29 and each fiscal session, the Director of the Arkansas State Highway and
 30 Transportation Department shall provide the following information in report
 31 form to all members of the General Assembly:

32 (1) The location of the ten (10) most congested routes in urban
 33 areas;

34 (2) The location of the ten (10) most congested routes in rural
 35 areas;

36 (3) The location of the three (3) most dangerous transportation

1 areas in the state in regard to collisions and fatalities or the potential
2 for collisions and fatalities, including without limitation bridges,
3 highways, roads, or intersections;

4 (4) The expenditure per person of state and federal highway
5 funds, including discretionary funds, in each congressional district over the
6 last ten (10) years;

7 (5) The expenditure per person of state and federal highway
8 funds, including discretionary funds, in each State Highway Commission
9 district over the last ten (10) years;

10 (6) The number of miles of the state highway system that are in
11 each congressional district; and

12 (7) The number of miles of the state highway system that are in
13 each State Highway Commission district.

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