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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1163

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

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

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

34 27-65-145. Additional reporting before each regular session and each
35 fiscal session.

36 (a) As used in this section:



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

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

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

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

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

13 (B) "Congested route" includes an area that has a high
14 volume of traffic that consistently causes extended delays during peak usage
15 times;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

35 (3) The location of the three (3) most dangerous transportation
36 areas in the state in regard to collisions and fatalities or the potential

1 for collisions and fatalities, including without limitation bridges,
 2 highways, roads, or intersections;

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

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

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

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

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