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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1226

For An Act To Be Entitled

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

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23 NEEDS OF THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM AND THE
24 POLICIES AND LAWS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS
25 THOSE NEEDS; AND TO DECLARE AN EMERGENCY.
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29 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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31 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative findings.

32 The General Assembly finds that:

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

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



1 provide the funding necessary to restore Arkansas's infrastructure; and
2 (3) It is in the best interests of the state to study the
3 policies and laws necessary to adequately address the needs of the state
4 highway system and local roads and bridges in preparation for implementing
5 policies and laws to address those needs.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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