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A Bill

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For An Act To Be Entitled

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10 AN ACT TO ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS
11 ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS ON
12 HIGHWAY FUNDING BEFORE EACH REGULAR SESSION AND EACH
13 FISCAL SESSION BY REQUIRING THE DIRECTOR OF STATE
14 HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON
15 VARIOUS ISSUES, INCLUDING WITHOUT LIMITATION THE
16 LOCATION OF THE MOST CONGESTED ROUTES, THE MOST
17 DANGEROUS TRANSPORTATION AREAS, THE EXPENDITURE PER
18 PERSON OF STATE AND FEDERAL HIGHWAY FUNDS IN EACH
19 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT, AND THE NUMBER OF MILES OF
20 THE STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM THAT ARE IN EACH
21 CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

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25 TO ENSURE THAT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY HAS
26 ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO MAKE INFORMED
27 DECISIONS ON HIGHWAY FUNDING BEFORE EACH
28 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
34 amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

35 27-65-146. 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 without limitation an area
15 that has a high volume of traffic that consistently causes extended delays
16 during peak usage times;

17 (2) "Discretionary funds" means funds available for use by the
18 State Highway Commission or the Arkansas Department of Transportation that
19 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 State Highways and Transportation
30 shall provide the following information in report form to all members of the
31 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, and intersections;

4 (4) The expenditure per person of state and federal highway
 5 funds, including without limitation discretionary funds, in each
 6 congressional district over the preceding ten (10) years; and

7 (5) The number of miles of the state highway system that are in
 8 each congressional district.

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