April 15, 1999

H 1288. ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING BDS. (=S 1164). *TO ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING BOARDS TO ASSIST THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND PROGRAMS FOR URBAN AREAS OF THE STATE.* Identical to S 1164, introduced 4/15/99.
Intro. by Luebke.

Ref. to Transportation	GS 136

April 29, 1999

H 1288. ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING BOARDS. Intro. 4/15/99. House amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Adds provision that no state funds are to be used to carry out the provisions of the bill.

June 15, 2000

H 1288. ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING BDS. Intro. 4/15/99. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Replaces bill with AN ACT TO RECOGNIZE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS IN STATE LAW AND TO PROVIDE A PROCESS FOR VOLUNTARY EVALUATION OF METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION BOUNDARIES, STRUCTURE, AND GOVERNANCE. Spells out requirements for metropolitan planning organizations. Adds new GS 136-200.1 providing that metropolitan planning organizations (MPOs) established under 23 US Code Sec. 134 are recognized under the law of the State. Specifies that MPOs in existence on section's effective date continue unaffected until redesignated or restructured in accordance with the provisions of and procedures established by cited federal statute and GS Ch. 136, Art. 16. Specifies that Art. 16 provisions are intended to supplement the provisions of federal Sec. 134 and that federal law controls if Art. 16 is inconsistent with Sec. 134's requirements.

Adds new GS 136-200.2 requiring Governor and Sec'y of Transportation to review boundaries, structure, and governance of each MPO after each decennial census, and more frequently if an MPO requests, in order to examine need for and to make recommendations for adjustments to ensure compliance with Sec. 134's objectives. Review is in consultation with the affected MPOs. Sec'y is to report to Governor and to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee. Bill lists factors for evaluation, and lists changes to the structure of existing MPOs that Governor and Sec'y may consider in consultation with existing MPOs and local elected officials. Bill lists provisions relating to governance that the memorandum of understanding creating, enlarging, modifying, or restructuring an MPO may include in addition to any other provisions permitted or required pursuant to 23 US Code Sec. 134. Provides that once the evaluation is completed, an MPO may be restructured in accordance with the procedure contained in 23 US Code Sec. 134(b)(5).

Authorizes DOT to provide staff assistance to MPOs in existence prior to Jan. 1, 2001, that are considering consolidation on or after that date, and in other specified cases where consolidation is being considered. Contains other rules for specified consolidated MPOs and for MPOs located in air quality nonattainment areas. Makes changes in definitions. Effective Jan. 1, 2001.

June 21, 2000

H 1288. ESTABLISH METROPOLITAN PLANNING BOARDS. Intro. 04/15/99. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 4th edition: (1) amends GS 136-200 to add definition of "consolidated metropolitan planning organization;" (2) adds to list of changes that may be considered for existing metropolitan planning organizations delegation by organization's governing board of part of all of its responsibilities to a regional transportation authority; (3) revises new GS 136-200.3 to add provision that beginning with the 2004 State Transportation Improvement Program, DOT shall abide by project ranking priorities approved by a consolidated metropolitan

planning organization or regional transportation authority if the project is not a National Highway System or bridge and Interstate maintenance project; (4) revises new GS 136-200.4(a) to require consultation on emissions reductions strategies by consolidated metropolitan planning organizations only if at least 25% of organization's area is within boundaries of nonattainment area; and (5) makes technical and conforming changes.