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**H 1578. NORTH CAROLINA HIGHWAY TRUST FUND CHANGES.** Filed 5/4/09. *TO MODIFY THE AUTHORIZATION FOR THE SECRETARY OF TRANSPORTATION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND AND TO PROVIDE A FORMULA FOR TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO MEET NEEDS BASED ON POPULATION OR CONGESTION AND TO REVISE THE HIGHWAY TRUST FUND ALLOCATION FORMULA.*

Amends GS 136-176(b1) to authorize the Secretary of Transportation to transfer certain funds for congestion mitigation projects. Deletes provisions requiring the Secretary to ensure repayment of transferred funds within four years. Establishes dual formulae to guide the Secretary's discretion in authorizing transfers, one based on county population relative to the state as a whole, one based on vehicle volume and accident rates relative to statewide rates. Revises the Highway Trust Fund allocation formula in GS 136-17.2A(b), requiring the Secretary to determine each distribution region's tentative percentage share by a factor based 50% (was 25%) on vehicle miles driven in the region compared to statewide totals, and 50% on vehicle volume and accident rates (was 25%). Eliminates consideration of the region's population relative to the total state population, which previously accounted for 50% of the secretary's tentative percentage share determination. Repeals GS 136-17.2A(c), (d), (f), and (h).

**Intro. by Blust.**

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