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SENATE BILL DRS15257-MWa-33

Short Title: Funds for Orphan Roads in Mecklenburg Co. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Salvador (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR UPGRADING ORPHAN ROADS IN MECKLENBURG  
3 COUNTY.

4 Whereas, Grand Palisades Parkway, located in the City of Charlotte, is a privately  
5 maintained road that was dedicated for public use in 2004, if not earlier; and

6 Whereas, the general public uses Grand Palisades Parkway on a daily basis; and

7 Whereas, the following schools have bus routes that travel by way of Grand Palisades  
8 Parkway:

9 Rea Farms Stem,  
10 Charles Parker Elementary,  
11 Palisades High School,  
12 Collinswood Language Academy,  
13 Gaston Day,  
14 Hawthorne Academy High School,  
15 Kennedy Middle School,  
16 Huntingtowne Farms Elementary School,  
17 Metro School,  
18 Northwest School of the Arts,  
19 Olympic High School,  
20 Park Rd Montessori Elementary School,  
21 Palisades Elementary School,  
22 Phillip O Berry High School,  
23 Randolph Middle School,  
24 SAIL Academy,  
25 South Mecklenburg High School,  
26 Southwest Middle School,  
27 UNCC Early College,  
28 Winget Park Elementary School,  
29 River Gate Elementary School; and

30 Whereas, Grand Palisades Parkway could be a Catawba Nuclear Station emergency  
31 evacuation route; and

32 Whereas, it is in the public interest for the Department of Transportation to accept  
33 Grand Palisades Parkway for maintenance; Now, therefore,

34 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

35 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State  
36 Budget and Management the sum of five million dollars (\$5,000,000) in nonrecurring funds for



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1 the 2023-2024 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Mecklenburg County for the repair and  
2 improvement of various orphan roads in non-municipal areas of the County, which would allow  
3 the North Carolina Department of Transportation to accept these roads for State maintenance.

4 **SECTION 2.** Notwithstanding G.S. 136-102.6, the Department of Transportation  
5 shall make all necessary improvements to Grand Palisades Parkway in accordance with the  
6 minimum standards of the Board of Transportation for acceptance of a subdivision street, after  
7 which the Department shall accept Grand Palisades Parkway to the State highway system for  
8 maintenance.

9 **SECTION 3.** There is appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of  
10 Transportation the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) in nonrecurring funds  
11 for the 2023-2024 fiscal year to make the improvements required in Section 2 of this act.

12 **SECTION 4.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.