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SENATE BILL DRS45419-MWa-105

Short Title: Train Infrastructure Acceleration Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Grafstein, Batch, and Garrett (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL STATE FUNDING TO EXPEDITE THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRAIN INFRASTRUCTURE IN NORTH CAROLINA THROUGH THE CONTINUED IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CORRIDOR IDENTIFICATION PROGRAM.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a) Short Title. – This act shall be known as the "Train Infrastructure Acceleration Act."

SECTION 1.(b) Purpose. – The purpose of this act is to recognize the significance of the Corridor Identification Program routes submitted to the Federal Railroad Administration's Corridor Identification and Development Program, to strengthen partnerships with federal agencies, and to secure additional funding for both existing and new corridors. The Department of Transportation shall expedite the implementation of these routes with the goal of enhancing rail connectivity across North Carolina.

SECTION 1.(c) Allocation. – In accordance with the purpose of this act, each of the following routes shall receive an additional State allocation of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for comprehensive engineering, feasibility studies, and initial development efforts. These additional funds shall be in addition to the funds already allocated for this purpose.

Route Name

Asheville to Salisbury.

Charlotte to Washington, D.C. (Southeast Corridor (SEC): Norlina Subdivision realignment of the existing Carolinian).

Charlotte to Atlanta, Georgia (SEC: Greenfield alternative).

Charlotte to Kings Mountain.

Raleigh to Fayetteville.

Raleigh to Wilmington.

Raleigh to Winston-Salem.

SECTION 1.(d) Report. – No later than December 1 of each year, the Department shall submit an annual report on the implementation of this act to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee and the Fiscal Research Division. The report shall detail the utilization of funds, advancements in engineering and feasibility studies, and any secured federal funding.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Transportation the sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) in nonrecurring funds.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 4, 2024.

