

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RCS 03/10/2009

The Committee on Transportation (Baker) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 8 - 9

and insert:

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Section 1. Subsection (3) and paragraphs (b) and (c) of subsection (4) of section 339.2816, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2816 Small County Road Assistance Program.-

(3) Beginning with fiscal year 1999-2000 until fiscal year 2009-2010, and beginning again with fiscal year 2012-2013, up to \$25 million annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund



may be used for the purposes of funding the Small County Road Assistance Program as described in this section.

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- (b) In determining a county's eligibility for assistance under this program, the department may consider whether the county has attempted to keep county roads in satisfactory condition, including the amount of local option fuel tax and ad valorem millage rate imposed by the county. The department may also consider the extent to which the county has offered to provide a match of local funds with state funds provided under the program. At a minimum, small counties shall be eligible only if÷
- + the county has enacted the maximum rate of the local option fuel tax authorized by s. 336.025(1)(a), and has imposed an ad valorem millage rate of at least 8 mills; or
- 2. The county has imposed an ad valorem millage rate of 10 mills.
- (c) The following criteria must shall be used to prioritize road projects for funding under the program:
- 1. The primary criterion is the physical condition of the road as measured by the department.
 - 2. As secondary criteria the department may consider:
 - a. Whether a road is used as an evacuation route.
 - b. Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel.
 - c. Whether a road is considered a major arterial route.
 - d. Whether a road is considered a feeder road.
- e. Whether a road is located in a fiscally constrained county, as defined in s. 218.67(1).
 - f.e. Other criteria related to the impact of a project on



the public road system or on the state or local economy as determined by the department.

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======= T I T L E A M E N D M E N T ========= And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 2 - 4

and insert:

An act relating to transportation; amending s. 339.2816, F.S., relating to the small county road assistance program; providing for resumption of certain funding for the program; revising the criteria for counties eligible to participate in the program; providing an effective date.