

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate House

Comm: RS 04/20/2009

The Committee on Community Affairs (Gardiner) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 385 and 386 insert:

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Section 9. Subsections (1) and (4) of section 339.2818, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.-

(1) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Small County Outreach Program. The purpose of this program is to assist small county governments in repairing or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads,

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addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or reconstructing county roads or in constructing capacity or safety improvements to county roads.

- (4)(a) Small counties shall be eligible to compete for funds that have been designated for the Small County Outreach Program for projects on county roads. The department shall fund 75 percent of the cost of projects on county roads funded under the program.
- (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 which may be evidenced through an established pavement management plan.
- (c) The following criteria 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 or evidenced to the department through an established pavement management plan.
 - 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. 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.

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



Between lines 35 and 36 insert:

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amending s. 339.2818, F.S., relating to the Small County Outreach Program; revising the purpose of the program to include certain program types; revising eligibility and prioritization criteria;