

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to the Department of Transportation;
 3 amending s. 339.2816, F.S., relating to the Small County
 4 Road Assistance Program; providing for resumption of
 5 certain funding for the program; revising criteria for
 6 program eligibility; revising criteria for prioritization
 7 of projects; amending s. 339.2818, F.S., relating to the
 8 Small County Outreach Program; revising the purpose of the
 9 program to include certain project types; providing an
 10 effective date.

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 12 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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

17 339.2816 Small County Road Assistance Program.--

18 (3) Beginning with fiscal year 1999-2000 until fiscal year
 19 2009-2010, and beginning again with fiscal year 2012-2013, up to
 20 \$25 million annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund
 21 may be used for the purposes of funding the Small County Road
 22 Assistance Program as described in this section.

23 (4)

24 (b) In determining a county's eligibility for assistance
 25 under this program, the department may consider whether the
 26 county has attempted to keep county roads in satisfactory
 27 condition, including the amount of local option fuel tax ~~and ad~~
 28 ~~valorem millage rate~~ imposed by the county. The department may

29 | also consider the extent to which the county has offered to
 30 | provide a match of local funds with state funds provided under
 31 | the program. At a minimum, small counties shall be eligible only
 32 | if:

33 | 1. the county has enacted the maximum rate of the local
 34 | option fuel tax authorized by s. 336.025(1) (a) .7, ~~and has imposed~~
 35 | ~~an ad valorem millage rate of at least 8 mills; or~~

36 | 2. ~~The county has imposed an ad valorem millage rate of 10~~
 37 | ~~mills.~~

38 | (c) The following criteria must ~~shall~~ be used to
 39 | prioritize road projects for funding under the program:

40 | 1. The primary criterion is the physical condition of the
 41 | road as measured by the department.

42 | 2. As secondary criteria the department may consider:

- 43 | a. Whether a road is used as an evacuation route.
- 44 | b. Whether a road has high levels of agricultural travel.
- 45 | c. Whether a road is considered a major arterial route.
- 46 | d. Whether a road is considered a feeder road.
- 47 | e. Whether a road is located in a fiscally constrained

48 | county as defined in s. 218.67(1).

49 | ~~f.e.~~ Other criteria related to the impact of a project on
 50 | the public road system or on the state or local economy as
 51 | determined by the department.

52 | Section 2. Subsection (1) of section 339.2818, Florida
 53 | Statutes, is amended to read:

54 | 339.2818 Small County Outreach Program.--

55 | (1) There is created within the Department of
 56 | Transportation the Small County Outreach Program. The purpose of

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57 | this program is to assist small county governments in repairing
58 | or rehabilitating county bridges, paving unpaved roads,
59 | addressing road-related drainage improvements, resurfacing or
60 | reconstructing county roads, or ~~in~~ constructing capacity or
61 | safety improvements to county roads.

62 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009.