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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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The Committee on Appropriations (Grimsley) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 123 and 124

insert:

Section 2. Section 339.2820, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

339.2820 Small City Road and Bridge Assistance program.—

(1) There is created within the Department of Transportation the Small City Road and Bridge Assistance Program. The purpose of this program is to assist small city



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11 governments in repairing or rehabilitating city bridges,
12 resurfacing or reconstructing city roads, addressing road-
13 related drainage improvements, or constructing safety
14 improvements to city roads.

15 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "small city"
16 means any rural community included by the definitions in
17 subparagraphs 3 or 4 of s.288.0656(2) (e) within a "Rural area of
18 critical economic concern" designated by the Governor under
19 s.288.0656(2) (d).

20 (3) Beginning with fiscal year 2014-2015 until fiscal year
21 2019-2020, up to \$9 million annually from the General Revenue
22 Fund shall be deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund
23 to be used for the purposes of funding the Small City Road and
24 Bridge Assistance Program as described in this section.

25 (4) (a) Small cities shall be eligible to compete for funds
26 that have been designated for the Small City Road and Bridge
27 Assistance Program for repairing or rehabilitating city bridges,
28 resurfacing or reconstructing city roads, addressing road-
29 related drainage improvements, or constructing safety
30 improvements to city roads. Capacity improvements on city roads
31 shall not be eligible for funding under the program.

32 (b) In determining a city's eligibility for assistance
33 under this program, the department may consider whether the city
34 has attempted to keep city roads in satisfactory condition,
35 including the amount of available local revenues dedicated to
36 road and bridge maintenance. The department may also consider
37 the extent to which the city has offered to provide a match of
38 local funds with state funds provided under the program.

39 (c) The following criteria must be used to prioritize road



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40 projects for funding under the program:

41 1. The primary criterion is the physical condition of the
42 road or bridge as measured by the department.

43 2. As secondary criteria the department may consider:

44 a. Whether a road or bridge is used as an evacuation route.

45 b. Whether a road or bridge has high levels of agricultural
46 travel.

47 c. Whether a road or bridge is considered a major arterial
48 route.

49 d. Whether a road or bridge is considered a feeder road.

50 e. Safety issues that the department determines exist with
51 respect to a road or bridge.

52 f. Other criteria related to the impact of a project on the
53 public road system or on the state or local economy as
54 determined by the department.

55 (5) The department is authorized to administer contracts on
56 behalf of a city selected to receive funding for a project under
57 this section. All projects funded under this section shall be
58 included in the department's work program developed pursuant to
59 s. 339.135.

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63 And the title is amended as follows:

64 Delete line 9

65 and insert:

66 under certain circumstances; creating s. 339.2820,

67 F.S.; establishing the Small City Road and Bridge

68 Assistance Program within the Department of



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69 Transportation; defining the term "small city";
70 appropriating up to \$9 million annually from the
71 General Revenue Fund, beginning in fiscal year 2014-
72 2015 until fiscal year 2019-2020, for deposit into the
73 State Transportation Trust Fund for the purpose of
74 funding the program; providing that small cities are
75 eligible to compete for funds designated for the
76 program for identified activities; providing that
77 capacity improvements on city roads are not eligible
78 for program funding; providing eligibility criteria;
79 providing project prioritization criteria; authorizing
80 the Department of Transportation to administer
81 contracts on behalf of a city; requiring all projects
82 funded under the program to be included in the
83 Department of Transportation's work program; amending
84 s. 479.16, F.S.;