
THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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INTRODUCED BY HEFFLEY, RYAN, ROTHMAN, BOBACK, READSHAW AND
CAUSER, JUNE 7, 2018

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 7, 2018

A RESOLUTION

1 Directing the Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to
2 conduct a study of the distribution of State highway
3 maintenance funds to determine if the current funding is
4 fairly shared among each of the 11 PennDOT Districts and
5 whether the funding formula requires adjustments.

6 WHEREAS, Legislative authority established the maintenance
7 funding distribution formula in section 9102 of Title 75; and

8 WHEREAS, Each county is allocated highway maintenance funds
9 according to a two-part process: the base allocation plus the
10 additional State highway maintenance appropriations
11 distribution; and

12 WHEREAS, The base allocation is comprised of a five-year
13 rolling average of each county's routine maintenance operations
14 costs, personnel expenses, operational expenses for winter
15 services, traffic, roadside, administration, equipment repair,
16 maintenance of buildings and grounds, inventory procurement and
17 capital outlay expenditures; and

18 WHEREAS, The additional State highway maintenance
19 appropriations distribution is comprised of four factors,

1 legislatively defined, which are also based on a five-year
2 rolling average; and

3 WHEREAS, These factors are weighted accordingly:

4 (1) 30% lane miles in county;

5 (2) 15% vehicle miles traveled in county;

6 (3) 15% bridge rating for county, which is made up of
7 square feet of bridge deck in county and bridge maintenance
8 condition based on inspections; and

9 (4) 40% roadway rating for county, which is made up of
10 road conditions collected through video logging and analysis,
11 guardrail conditions, drainage needs and truck miles in
12 county;

13 and

14 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2016-2017 the gross allocation of
15 State highway maintenance funds among the 11 PennDOT Districts
16 was slightly over \$1.33 billion; and

17 WHEREAS, In fiscal year 2017-2018 the gross allocation of
18 State highway maintenance funds among the 11 PennDOT Districts
19 was slightly over \$1.34 billion; and

20 WHEREAS, The State highway maintenance funds support PennDOT
21 Districts, providing a safe and reliable transportation
22 infrastructure, which is a core function of government;
23 therefore be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives direct the
25 Legislative Budget and Finance Committee to conduct a study of
26 the distribution of State highway maintenance funds; and be it
27 further

28 RESOLVED, That the study determine if the current State
29 highway funding formula provides for appropriate distribution of
30 funds among each county within the 11 PennDOT Districts; and be

1 it further

2 RESOLVED, That the study consist of:

3 (1) A review of the existing formula.

4 (2) A review of the previous two fiscal years to
5 determine if any PennDOT District was inadequately funded.

6 (3) A review of the previous two fiscal years to
7 determine if any PennDOT District was inappropriately
8 overfunded.

9 (4) Recommendations on how to better improve the
10 distribution of State highway maintenance funds;

11 and be it further

12 RESOLVED, That the committee issue to the Speaker of the
13 House of Representatives a report of its findings within nine
14 months from the date of the adoption of this resolution.