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THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF PENNSYLVANIA

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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

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REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION, JUNE 7, 2018

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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.