

HOUSE BILL 1857

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54,
Chapter 2, relative to transportation projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Tennessee Transportation Challenge Grant Act of 2011".

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 54, Chapter 2, Part 1, is amended by adding the following language as a new, appropriately designated section:

54-2-1___. The department shall develop a program to provide transportation challenge grants to municipalities with a population of not less than twenty thousand (20,000) nor more than seventy-five thousand (75,000), according to the 2000 federal census or any subsequent federal census with funding priorities of such grants ranked according to the willingness of an eligible municipality to provide local matching funds equivalent to thirty-five percent (35%) or greater of total cost for projects which must be located on the state route system. At maximum, no more than fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) in state transportation funding should be set aside annually for this grant program.

SECTION 3. The commissioner of transportation is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations to effectuate the purposes of this act. All such rules and regulations shall be promulgated in accordance with Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 5.

SECTION 4. For purposes of promulgating rules and regulations, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, and for all other purposes this act shall take effect July 1, 2011, the public welfare requiring it.