

# SENATE BILL NO. 425

May 06, 2021, Introduced by Senator ZORN and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the

truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 11i.

**THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:**

1           **Sec. 11i. (1) The department shall create and operate a local**  
 2 **grade separation grant program for the separation of motor vehicle**  
 3 **traffic and railroad traffic in this state. The department shall**  
 4 **provide grants to cities, villages, and county road commissions in**  
 5 **this state.**

1           (2) An application for funds from the local grade separation  
2 grant program must be made on a form approved by the department and  
3 must contain the information required by the department, including,  
4 but not limited to, a narrative describing the economic development  
5 benefit to the county, township, or city in which the crossing is  
6 located. An application for funds under this section may be made at  
7 any time as determined by the department.

8           (3) The department shall establish a review process for  
9 considering funding applications under this section that includes  
10 the application point-based scoring system described in section  
11 11j. No later than 120 days after receiving a funding application  
12 under this section, the department shall notify the applicant in  
13 writing whether the application is approved or rejected. If the  
14 department requires additional time to review the application, the  
15 department shall notify the applicant, house and senate  
16 transportation committee chairs, and all interested parties and  
17 shall take no more than 60 additional days to review the  
18 application. Before releasing local grade separation grant funds,  
19 the department must enter into a written agreement with the funding  
20 recipient.

21           (4) The written agreement between the department and the  
22 funding recipient must provide for both of the following:

23           (a) Complete details of the grade separation project.

24           (b) A local, private, or federal match of not less than 20% of  
25 the cost of the grade separation project.

26           (5) For each year in which the department receives funding  
27 applications, the department shall report by December 1 to the  
28 standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with  
29 primary jurisdiction over issues pertaining to transportation and

1 the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees  
2 on the utilization of funds from the local grade separation grant  
3 program. The report must include, at a minimum, all of the  
4 following:

5 (a) The number of funding applications received under this  
6 section.

7 (b) The name of each city, village, or county road commission  
8 applying for funding, and whether each application was approved or  
9 denied.

10 (c) The amount of local match for each award under this  
11 section.

12 (6) As used in this section, "grade separation" means an  
13 intersection of a railroad and roadway at different levels with the  
14 railroad either above or below the highway.

15 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect  
16 unless all of the following bills of the 101st Legislature are  
17 enacted into law:

18 (a) Senate Bill No. 426.

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20 (b) Senate Bill No. 427.

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