



House of Representatives

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Substitute House Bill No. 6039

House of Representatives, April 24, 2013

The Committee on Finance, Revenue and Bonding reported through REP. WIDLITZ of the 98th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the substitute bill ought to pass.

AN ACT LIMITING EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 13b-69 of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

3 (a) The Treasurer shall apply the resources [in] of the Special
4 Transportation Fund, upon their receipt, first, to pay or provide for the
5 payment of debt service requirements, as defined in section 13b-75, at
6 such time or times, in such amount or amounts and in such manner, as
7 provided by the proceedings authorizing the issuance of special tax
8 obligation bonds pursuant to sections 13b-74 to 13b-77, inclusive, and
9 then to pay from the Transportation Strategy Board projects account of
10 the Special Transportation Fund, established under section 13b-57r, the
11 incremental revenues identified in approved annual financing plans
12 for cash funding in accordance with the provisions of section 13b-57q.

13 (b) The remaining resources of the Special Transportation Fund
14 shall, pursuant to appropriation thereof in accordance with chapter 50
15 and subject to approval by the Governor of allotment thereof, be
16 applied and expended for (1) payment of the principal of and interest
17 on "general obligation bonds of the state issued for transportation
18 purposes", as defined in subsection (c) of this section, or any
19 obligations refunding the same, (2) payment of state budget
20 appropriations made to or for the Department of Transportation and
21 the Department of Motor Vehicles, and (3) payment of state budget
22 appropriations made to or for the Department of Emergency Services
23 and Public Protection for members of the Division of State Police
24 designated by the Commissioner of Emergency Services and Public
25 Protection for motor patrol work pursuant to section 29-4, except that
26 (A) for the fiscal years commencing on or after July 1, 1998, excluding
27 the highway motor patrol budgeted expenses, and (B) for the fiscal
28 years commencing on or after July 1, 1999, excluding the highway
29 motor patrol fringe benefits.

30 (c) As used in this section, "general obligation bonds of the state
31 issued for transportation purposes" means the aggregate principal
32 amount, as determined by the Secretary of the Office of Policy and
33 Management, of state general obligation bonds authorized for
34 transportation purposes pursuant to the following authorizations
35 issued and outstanding at any time: Special acts 406 of the 1959
36 session; 328 of the 1961 session, as amended; 362 of the 1963 session, as
37 amended; 245 of the February 1965 special session, as amended; 276
38 and 315 of the 1967 session, as amended; 255 and 281 of the 1969
39 session; 31 of the 1972 session, as amended; 73-74, as amended; 74-43;
40 74-102, as amended; 75-101; 76-84, as amended; 77-47; 78-70; 78-71, as
41 amended; 78-81, as amended; 79-95; 80-41; 81-71; 82-46, as amended;
42 83-17 of the June special session; and 83-2 and 83-3 of the October
43 special session; sections 4-66c; 13a-20; 13a-29; 13a-32 to 13a-35,
44 inclusive; 13a-157; 13a-165; 13a-166; 13a-176 to 13a-192, inclusive; 13a-
45 197; 13a-198a to 13a-198j, inclusive; 13a-239 to 13a-246, inclusive; 16-
46 338; 16a-40j and 16a-40k; and section 28 of public act 132 of 1959,
47 sections 8 and 13 of public act 325 of the February 1965 special session,

48 as amended; sections 4 and 5 of public act 755 of 1969, as amended;
49 and section 1 of public act 80-392.

50 (d) The resources of the Special Transportation Fund shall be used
51 only for transportation purposes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	July 1, 2015	13b-69

Statement of Legislative Commissioners:

In subsection (a), "in" was changed to "[in] of" for internal consistency.

FIN *Joint Favorable Subst.*

The following Fiscal Impact Statement and Bill Analysis are prepared for the benefit of the members of the General Assembly, solely for purposes of information, summarization and explanation and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose. In general, fiscal impacts are based upon a variety of informational sources, including the analyst's professional knowledge. Whenever applicable, agency data is consulted as part of the analysis, however final products do not necessarily reflect an assessment from any specific department.

OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact:

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 14 \$	FY 15 \$
Resources of the General Fund	TF - See Below	None	See Below

Municipal Impact: None

Explanation

The bill, effective July 1, 2015, requires the resources of the Special Transportation Fund (STF) to be used only for transportation purposes. Therefore, the bill would preclude future transfers from the STF to other funds for non-transportation purposes.

Historical Transfers from the STF:

Over the past ten fiscal years there has been one transfer from the STF to the General Fund of \$6.5 million in FY 09. Additionally, the Governor's proposed FY 14 budget transfers \$74.8 million from the STF to the General Fund.

The Out Years

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future.

OLR Bill Analysis**sHB 6039*****AN ACT LIMITING EXPENDITURES FROM THE SPECIAL TRANSPORTATION FUND.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires that money in the Special Transportation Fund be used only for transportation purposes.

The Special Transportation Fund pays for state highway and public transportation projects. It is supported by a number of revenue streams, most notably the motor fuels tax. By law, money in the fund must first be used for debt service and financing certain transportation projects. Its remaining funds must be spent for the payment of general obligation bonds issued for transportation purposes, and budget appropriations for the departments of (1) transportation, (2) motor vehicles, and (3) emergency services and public protection (for state police motor vehicle patrols).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

BACKGROUND***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 324) to the Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee, which reported a substitute that postpones the bill's effective date for two years (from July 1, 2013 to July 1, 2015).

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 34 Nay 0 (03/15/2013)

Finance, Revenue and Bonding Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 49 Nay 0 (04/12/2013)