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S.B. No. 300

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to funding for certain county transportation infrastructure projects.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 256, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Subchapter C to read as follows:

SUBCHAPTER C. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND

Sec. 256.101. DEFINITIONS. In this subchapter:

(1) "Fund" means the transportation infrastructure fund established under this subchapter.

(2) "Transportation infrastructure project" means the construction, reconstruction, or maintenance of transportation infrastructure intended to alleviate degradation caused by the exploration, development, or production of oil or gas.

Sec. 256.102. TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. (a) The transportation infrastructure fund is a dedicated account in the general revenue fund. The fund consists of money transferred to the credit of the fund under Subsections (b) and (c) and any interest or other return from investment of money in the fund.

(b) If in the preceding fiscal year the state received from oil production taxes a net amount greater than the net amount of oil production taxes received by the state in the fiscal year ending August 31, 1987, the comptroller shall transfer to the fund an amount equal to 25 percent of the difference between those amounts.

1 (c) If in the preceding fiscal year the state received from
2 gas production taxes a net amount greater than the net amount of gas
3 production taxes received by the state in the fiscal year ending
4 August 31, 1987, the comptroller shall transfer to the fund an
5 amount equal to 25 percent of the difference between those amounts.

6 (d) The comptroller shall transfer the amounts described by
7 Subsections (b) and (c) not later than the 90th day after the date
8 of the end of a fiscal year for which a transfer is required under
9 those subsections.

10 (e) Money in the fund may only be appropriated to the
11 department for the purposes of this subchapter.

12 (f) Sections 403.095 and 404.071, Government Code, do not
13 apply to the fund.

14 Sec. 256.103. GRANT PROGRAM. (a) The department shall
15 establish and administer a program to make grants to counties for
16 transportation infrastructure projects.

17 (b) The amount of a grant provided to a county under the
18 program in a given fiscal year must be in proportion to the amount
19 of oil and gas production taxes collected in that county for that
20 year.

21 (c) In applying for a grant under this section, a county
22 shall:

23 (1) describe the scope of the transportation
24 infrastructure project to be funded by the grant;

25 (2) state the amount of funding that the county will
26 provide for the transportation infrastructure project; and

27 (3) provide the commissioner's road report required

1 under Section 251.005 for the previous two years showing the
2 degradation in transportation infrastructure caused by the
3 exploration, development, or production of oil or gas.

4 (d) To be eligible to receive a grant under the program, a
5 county must provide matching funds in an amount equal to at least
6 five percent of the amount of the grant.

7 SECTION 2. This Act takes effect September 1, 2013.