**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Senate Transportation Committee will meet to consider S.521, the Transportation Infrastructure Funding Flexibility Act, on **Wednesday, March 11 at 11 a.m. in Room 209 of the Gressette Building, Columbia**.  For information, contact 803-212-6400.

**S 0521 General Bill, By Grooms, Rankin and Campbell**A BILL TO ENACT THE "TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDING FLEXIBILITY ACT",
BY AMENDING CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57 OF THE 1976 CODE, RELATING TO THE STATE
HIGHWAY SYSTEM, BY ADDING ARTICLE 3 TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION MAY SOLICIT PROPOSALS FOR PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVES FROM
PRIVATE ENTITIES, TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROPOSAL REQUEST AND SUBMISSION PROCESS,
TO PROVIDE FOR THE PROCESS OF SELECTING A PRIVATE ENTITY TO PARTICIPATE IN A
PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE, TO PROVIDE FOR INTERIM AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS
TO CARRY OUT THE TERMS OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE, TO PROVIDE
REQUIREMENTS FOR INTERIM AND COMPREHENSIVE AGREEMENTS, TO PROVIDE FOR
PERMISSIBLE FINANCING OF THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY EXERCISE THE POWER OF EMINENT DOMAIN IN
CONJUNCTION WITH A PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE; TO AMEND CHAPTER 3, TITLE 57, BY
ADDING ARTICLE 9, TO PROVIDE THAT TOLLS MAY NOT BE IMPOSED ON FEDERAL
INTERSTATE HIGHWAYS UNLESS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, TO PROVIDE THAT
THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY IMPOSE A TOLL ON INTERSTATE 73, TO
PROVIDE THAT TOLLS IMPOSED AND COLLECTED ON A PROJECT MUST BE USED ONLY TO PAY
COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH THE TOLL ROAD AND TO DEFINE THE TERM "TOLLS ASSOCIATED
WITH THE TOLL ROAD", TO PROVIDE THAT A PERSON WHO FAILS TO PAY A TOLL IS
GUILTY OF A MISDEMEANOR AND TO PROVIDE PUNISHMENT FOR VIOLATIONS, TO PROVIDE
FOR AN ELECTRONIC TOLLING SYSTEM; TO AMEND SECTION 15-5-1660, TO PROVIDE FOR
PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT BONDS FROM PRIVATE ENTITIES ENGAGED IN A
PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVE; TO AMEND SECTION 57-3-200, TO PROVIDE THAT THE
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY REFINANCE PUBLIC-PRIVATE INITIATIVES AND
SPECIFY WHICH ACTIVITIES MAY BE INCLUDED IN A REFINANCE; TO AMEND SECTION
57-5-1310, TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY USE TURNPIKE
BONDS TO FINANCE IMPROVEMENTS ON ROADS; TO AMEND SECTION 57-5-1320, TO PROVIDE
THAT THE DEFINITION OF "TURNPIKE FACILITY" INCLUDES PORTIONS OF HIGHWAYS IN
ADDITION TO ALL OF A HIGHWAY AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEFINITION INCLUDES
ADDITIONAL LANES OR CAPACITY ADDED TO AN EXISTING TURNPIKE FACILITY; TO AMEND
SECTION 57-5-1330, TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION WITH MORE
FLEXIBILITY IN WHAT MAY BE DESIGNATED, PLANNED, IMPROVED, CONSTRUCTED,
MAINTAINED, OPERATED, OR REGULATED AS A TURNPIKE FACILITY; AND TO REPEAL
SECTIONS 12-28-2920, 57-3-615, 57-3-618, 57-5-1490, AND 57-5-1495.
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