

SB522 CC #1 3-9

Senator Blair, from the committee of conference on matters of disagreement between the two houses, as to

Second Eng. Com. Sub. for Com. Sub. for Senate Bill No. 522, Creating Special Road Repair Fund,

Submitted the following report, which was received:

Your committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two houses as to the amendments of the House to Second Engrossed Committee Substitute for Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 522 having met, after full and free conference, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective houses, as follows:

That both houses recede from their respective positions as to the amendment of the House of Delegates on page one, section seven, beginning on line one and agree to the same as follows:

By striking out subsections (a) and (b) in their entirety and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“There is created a special sub-account in the State Road Fund, designated the Special Road Repair Fund, to be expended solely for the purposes specified in §17-30-1 et seq. of this code for the maintenance and repair of the state’s roads and highways. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to transfer no more than \$80 million to this sub-account from the State Road Fund in any fiscal year for the sole purpose of repairs of non-federal aid eligible roads.”;

And, to amend the title to read as follows:

“A BILL to amend the Code of West Virginia, 1931, as amended, by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-2A-6b; to amend said code by adding thereto a new section, designated §17-3-11; and to amend said code by adding thereto a new article, designated §17-30-1, §17-30-2, §17-30-3, §17-30-4, and §17-30-5, all relating to enhancing maintenance and repair of the state’s roads and highways generally; establishing roads accountability and transparency; directing the State Auditor to develop and maintain a searchable website of funding actions and expenditures relating state and public roads; setting forth the minimum content to be contained in the website; directing the Commissioner of Highways to provide information and data to the State Auditor; requiring an annual update to the Joint Committee on Government and Finance; creating the Special Road Repair Fund as a sub-account of the State Road Fund; authorizing the Commissioner to transfer certain funds into the sub-account for certain purposes; creating the Enhanced Road Repair and Maintenance Program; stating legislative finding and purpose of program; requiring Division of Highways county supervisors consult with county commissions and legislators to submit project requests to the Division of Highways; setting forth a funding formula; setting forth requirements concerning bidding, vendors, and contracts with private vendors; specifying uses of Special Road Repair Fund; defining terms; providing requirements for Commissioner of Highways and districts; requiring for rulemaking; and requiring reporting by Division of Highways and Legislative Auditor.”

And,

That the Senate agree to the remaining amendments of the House of Delegates to the bill.

Respectfully submitted,

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*Conferees on the part
of the Senate*

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