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Short Title: Limit Number of Studies/MPOs and RPOs. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Tarte (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF STUDIES CONDUCTED BY METROPOLITAN
3 PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS AND RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING
4 ORGANIZATIONS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-202 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

7 "(a1) Subject to the provisions of 23 U.S.C. § 134, and notwithstanding any State law to
8 the contrary, each Metropolitan Planning Organization shall only conduct studies for projects
9 that the Metropolitan Planning Organization has funding available to begin work on or
10 complete."

11 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 136-212 reads as rewritten:

12 **"§ 136-212. Duties of Rural Transportation Planning Organizations.**

13 (a) The duties of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization shall include, but not be
14 limited to:

- 15 (1) Developing, in cooperation with the Department, long-range local and
16 regional multimodal transportation plans.
- 17 (2) Providing a forum for public participation in the transportation planning
18 process.
- 19 (3) Developing and prioritizing suggestions for transportation projects the
20 organization believes should be included in the State's Transportation
21 Improvement Program.
- 22 (4) Providing transportation-related information to local governments and other
23 interested organizations and persons.

24 (b) Notwithstanding any State law to the contrary, each Rural Transportation Planning
25 Organization shall only conduct studies for projects that the Metropolitan Planning
26 Organization has funding available to begin work on or complete."

27 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law and applies to studies
28 conducted on or after that date.

