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NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY
AMENDMENT
Senate Bill 257

AMENDMENT NO. A4
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Amends Title [NO]
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Representative T. Brown

1 moves to amend the bill on page 515, lines 42-43, by inserting between those lines the following
2 new section to read:

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4 **"ORPHAN ROADS MAINTENANCE PROGRAM GRANT**

5 **SECTION 43.26.(a)** This section shall be known as the "Orphan Roads Maintenance
6 Program Grant."

7 **SECTION 43.26.(b)** The Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund is
8 established as a special fund within the Department of Transportation to be administered by the
9 Department.

10 **SECTION 43.26.(c)** The purpose of this section is to award funds for the
11 improvement of subdivision streets located within a county or a municipality that do not meet
12 Department of Transportation minimum construction requirements for addition to the State
13 highway system or municipal street system for maintenance.

14 **SECTION 43.26.(d)** Notwithstanding any provision of law or the Committee Report
15 described in Section 45.2 of this act to the contrary, of the funds allocated to the Contract
16 Resurfacing Program (Budget Fund 801267) for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, the Department of
17 Transportation shall allocate the sum of seventy five million dollars (\$75,000,000) in
18 nonrecurring funds for the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund established in
19 Section 43.26.(b) of this section.

20 **SECTION 43.26.(e)** The Secretary of Transportation shall establish procedures and
21 criteria and adopt rules for awarding funds under this section to a county or a municipality for
22 the improvement of a subdivision street in accordance with all of the following requirements:

- 23 (1) Once an orphan road meets Department standards, ownership shall be
24 conveyed to the Department or to a local municipality.
- 25 (2) The total aggregate amount of funds awarded to a subdivision shall not exceed
26 two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000).
- 27 (3) The required local share of matching funds by the county shall be twenty-five
28 cents (25¢) for every one dollar (\$1.00) awarded. A county may satisfy this
29 condition by financing the local share in accordance with G.S. 153A-205.
- 30 (4) An award of funds under this section shall not be distributed to a county or a
31 municipality until the Department or a municipality accepts the subdivision
32 street to the State highway system or municipal street system for maintenance.



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1 **SECTION 43.26.(f)** This section is repealed effective June 30, 2030. The Department
2 shall close the Orphan Roads Maintenance Program Grant Fund after transferring any remaining
3 balance to the Highway Fund for subsequent appropriation by the General Assembly.
4 **SECTION 43.26.(g)** This section becomes effective July 1, 2025."; and
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6 by adjusting the appropriate totals accordingly.
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Amendment Sponsor

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Committee Chair if Senate Committee Amendment

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