OVERVIEW: Section 34.16 of S.L. 2017-57 makes the following changes to the "DOT Report" program, established under G.S. 136-18.05 to improve the condition of North Carolina's roads through increased transparency and responsiveness to the public:

- With regard to the system implemented to receive citizen reports of problems on State-maintained roads, this section requires the Department of Transportation to report monthly on the number of citizen reports received and whether they were resolved within the applicable time frames to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee, the Fiscal Research Division, the chairs of the House Appropriations Committee on Transportation, and the chairs of the Senate Appropriations Committee on the Department of Transportation.

- This section also codifies language from the 2015 budget that directed the Department to adopt procedures to streamline project delivery and to establish a baseline unit pricing structure for transportation goods used in highway maintenance and construction projects.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.