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HOUSE BILL NO. 1233

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A *BILL to amend and reenact § 33.2-359 of the Code of Virginia, relating to unpaved secondary highway funds; improvements.*

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Referred to Committee on Rules

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 33.2-359 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 33.2-359. Unpaved secondary highway funds.

A. Funds from the highway construction district grant programs established pursuant to § 33.2-371 shall be allocated for the improvement of nonsurface treated secondary highways that carry 50 or more vehicles per day. *Such improvements may, at the discretion of the locality, include changes other than paving, including enhanced maintenance and capital improvements to such highway.* Funds shall be deducted from the allocation made to each highway construction district pursuant to subsection D of § 33.2-371 and such deduction shall be based on the ratio of nonsurface treated secondary highways in each highway construction district that carry 50 or more vehicles per day to the total number of such nonsurface treated secondary highways in the Commonwealth.

Total funds of the Commonwealth allocated by the Board under this section shall not exceed \$25 million annually.

B. Such funds shall be distributed to counties in the secondary state highway system based on the ratio of nonsurface treated roads in each county carrying 50 vehicles or more per day to the total number of such nonsurface treated roads in the Commonwealth.

2. That the Department of Transportation (the Department) shall review and consider methods of improving unpaved secondary highways other than paving such highways. The Department shall report its findings and recommendations to the Chairs of the House and Senate Committees on Transportation by November 1, 2024.

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