

SENATE BILL No. 160

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 8-14-1-5.5.

Synopsis: Lane reductions on local roads and streets. Prohibits, in a city with a population of at least 50,000, a governmental entity or private contractor from engaging in a project that would result in the permanent restriction or reduction of one or more travel lanes within the city as the result of the project. Provides that if a governmental entity or private contractor violates the prohibition, the state comptroller shall withhold 10% of the total amount of the distribution from the local road and street account that would have otherwise been distributed to the city during the calendar year following the calendar year in which the travel lanes became restricted or reduced. Provides that any distribution amount withheld by the state comptroller reverts to the state general fund. Exempts existing rapid transit lines from, and lists other exceptions to, the prohibition.

Effective: Upon passage.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2024 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning transportation.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 8-14-1-5.5 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 UPON PASSAGE]: **Sec. 5.5. (a) As used in this chapter, "qualified**
- 4 **city" means a city with a population of at least fifty thousand**
- 5 **(50,000).**
- 6 **(b) A governmental entity or private contractor is prohibited**
- 7 **from engaging in a project in a qualified city that would result in**
- 8 **the permanent restriction or reduction of one (1) or more travel**
- 9 **lanes within the qualified city as the result of the project.**
- 10 **(c) If a governmental entity or private contractor violates the**
- 11 **prohibition described in subsection (b), the state comptroller shall**
- 12 **withhold ten percent (10%) of the total amount of the distribution**
- 13 **from the local road and street account that would have otherwise**
- 14 **been distributed to the qualified city during the calendar year**
- 15 **following the calendar year in which the travel lanes became**
- 16 **restricted or were reduced.**
- 17 **(d) Any distribution amount withheld by the state comptroller**



1 under subsection (c) shall revert to the state general fund.
2 (e) The prohibition under subsection (b) does not apply to the
3 following that are in use or under design:
4 (1) The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation's
5 "red line" rapid transit line running primarily north-south
6 between Broad Ripple and the University of Indianapolis.
7 (2) The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation's
8 "blue line" rapid transit line running primarily east-west
9 between Indianapolis International Airport and Cumberland.
10 (3) The Indianapolis Public Transportation Corporation's
11 "purple line" rapid transit line running primarily north-south
12 between downtown Indianapolis and the city of Lawrence.
13 (f) The prohibition under subsection (b) also does not apply to
14 a public works project that includes the construction or
15 improvement of:
16 (1) a stadium;
17 (2) a sports arena;
18 (3) a hotel;
19 (4) a convention center;
20 (5) an exhibition hall;
21 (6) an auditorium;
22 (7) a theater; or
23 (8) any other project, not solely undertaken for the purpose of
24 transportation, that would provide a significant and unique
25 benefit to the qualified city.
26 SECTION 2. An emergency is declared for this act.

