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H. R. 5899

To reauthorize the Southeast Crescent Regional Commission, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 6, 2023

Mr. DAVIS of North Carolina (for himself, Ms. MACE, Ms. McCLELLAN, Mr. FRY, Ms. ROSS, Mr. WILSON of South Carolina, and Mr. NICKEL) introduced the following bill

OCTOBER 25, 2023

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure, and in addition to the Committee on Financial Services, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Southeastern Crescent
5 Economic Empowerment Act” or the “SCEE Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. STATE CAPACITY BUILDING GRANT PROGRAM.**

2 Section 6304(c) of the Agriculture Improvement Act
3 of 2018 (40 U.S.C. 15101(c)) is amended—

4 (1) in paragraph (1)—

5 (A) by striking subparagraphs (A) and (B)
6 and inserting the following:

7 “(A) COMMISSION.—The term ‘Commis-
8 sion’ means the Southeast Crescent Regional
9 Commission and the Northern Border Regional
10 Commission established under paragraphs (1)
11 and (3) of section 15301(a) of title 40, United
12 States Code.

13 “(B) COMMISSION STATE.—The term
14 ‘Commission State’ means each of the States
15 described in sections 15731 and 15733 of title
16 40, United States Code.”; and

17 (B) in subparagraph (C) by inserting
18 “15731 or” before “15733”;

19 (2) in paragraph (3)—

20 (A) in subparagraph (F) by striking “and”
21 at the end;

22 (B) in subparagraph (G) by striking the
23 period at the end and inserting “; and”; and

24 (C) by adding at the end the following:

1 “(H) to promote economic development
2 housing incentives to support job creation and
3 workforce needs.”; and

4 (3) in paragraph (9)(A) by striking
5 “\$5,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2019 through
6 2023” and inserting “\$10,000,000 for each of fiscal
7 years 2024 through 2028”.

8 **SEC. 3. ECONOMIC AND INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT**
9 **GRANTS.**

10 Section 15501 of title 40, United States Code, is
11 amended

12 (1) in subsection (a)—

13 (A) by redesignating paragraphs (4)
14 through (9) as paragraphs (6) through (11), re-
15 spectively; and

16 (B) by inserting after paragraph (3) the
17 following:

18 “(4) to design, build, implement, or upgrade
19 transportation or basic public infrastructure or
20 workforce capacity to support the adaption to and
21 mitigation of climate challenges;

22 “(5) to promote the production of housing to
23 meet economic development and workforce needs;”;
24 and

1 (2) in subsection (b) by striking “paragraph
2 (1), (2), (3), or (7)” and inserting “paragraph (1),
3 (2), (3), (4), (5), (7), or (9)”.

4 **SEC. 4. ANNUAL REPORT SUBMISSIONS.**

5 Section 15308(a) of title 40, United States Code, is
6 amended by striking “90” and inserting “180”.

7 **SEC. 5. RETENTION OF FEES.**

8 Section 15304(a) of title 40, United States Code, is
9 amended—

10 (1) in paragraph (8) by striking “and” at the
11 end;

12 (2) in paragraph (9) by striking the period at
13 the end and inserting “; and”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(10) collect, retain, and expend fees for the
16 service for which such fees were collected.”.

17 **SEC. 6. MODIFICATION OF MATCHING FUNDS REQUIRE-**
18 **MENT.**

19 Section 15501(d)(2) of title 40, United States Code,
20 is amended by striking “80” and inserting “90”.

21 **SEC. 7. REAUTHORIZATION OF COMMISSIONS.**

22 Section 15751(a) of title 40, United States Code, is
23 amended by striking “this subtitle \$33,000,000 for each
24 of fiscal years 2019 through 2023” and inserting the fol-
25 lowing: “this subtitle—

1 “(1) \$50,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2024
2 through 2027; and

3 “(2) \$60,000,000 for each of fiscal years 2028
4 through 2032.”.

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