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Introduced by Reps. George and Gilbert

**ENROLLED HOUSE BILL No. 5383**

AN ACT to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled "An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; and to repeal acts and parts of acts," by amending sections 1b, 10c, 10h, 11, 11c, 12, 18b, 18e, and 20a (MCL 247.651b, 247.660c, 247.660h, 247.661, 247.661c, 247.662, 247.668b, 247.668e, and 247.670a), section 1b as amended by 1989 PA 188, section 10c as amended by 1990 PA 73, section 10h as amended by 1982 PA 438, section 11 as amended by 2000 PA 188, sections 11c and 12 as amended by 1997 PA 79, and sections 18b and 18e as amended by 1985 PA 201.

*The People of the State of Michigan enact:*

Sec. 1b. (1) The state transportation department shall bear the entire cost of maintaining, in accordance with standards and specifications of the department, all state trunk line highways including highways within incorporated

cities and villages except that the cost of maintaining additional width for local purposes as provided in section 1c shall be borne by the city or village.

(2) Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, as part of the construction or reconstruction of a state trunk line highway which abuts a location designated as a national historic landmark pursuant to the national historic preservation act, Public Law 89-665, 80 Stat. 915, and 36 C.F.R. part 65, the department may include within the project, expenditures deemed necessary to mitigate the adverse impact of the state trunk line highway on the aesthetic and historic character of that abutting area. The installation or maintenance of lighting to preserve the aesthetic and historic character of the abutting area shall not impose a duty on the department to provide or maintain lighting for the improved portion of the highway designed for vehicular travel.

(3) The state transportation department shall not use funds allocated under this act for the development or construction of a service plaza.

Sec. 10c. As used in this act:

(a) "Urban or rural area" means a contiguous developed area, including the immediate surrounding area, where transportation services should reasonably be provided presently or in the future; the area within the jurisdiction of an eligible authority; or for the purpose of receiving funds for public transportation, a contiguous developed area having a population of less than 50,000 population that has an urban public transportation program approved by the state transportation department and for which the state transportation commission determines that public transportation services should reasonably be provided presently or in the future.

(b) "Eligible authority" means an authority organized pursuant to the metropolitan transportation authorities act of 1967, 1967 PA 204, MCL 124.401 to 124.426.

(c) "Eligible governmental agency" means a county, city, or village or an authority created pursuant to 1963 PA 55, MCL 124.351 to 124.359; the urban cooperation act of 1967, 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 7, MCL 124.501 to 124.512; 1967 (Ex Sess) PA 8, MCL 124.1 to 124.13; 1951 PA 35, MCL 124.1 to 124.13; the public transportation authority act, 1986 PA 196, MCL 124.451 to 124.479; or the revenue bond act of 1933, 1933 PA 94, MCL 141.101 to 141.140.

(d) "Transit vehicle" means a bus, rapid transit vehicle, railroad car, water vehicle, taxicab, or other type of public transportation vehicle or individual unit, whether operated singly or in a group which provides public transportation.

(e) "Transit vehicle mile" means a transit vehicle operated for 1 mile in public transportation service including demand actuated and line-haul vehicle miles.

(f) "Demand actuated vehicle" means a bus or smaller transit vehicle operated for providing group rides to members of the general public paying fares individually, and on demand rather than in regularly scheduled route service.

(g) "Demand actuated vehicle mile" means a demand actuated vehicle operated for 1 mile in service to the general public.

(h) "Public transportation", "comprehensive transportation", "public transportation service", "comprehensive transportation service", "public transportation purpose", or "comprehensive transportation purpose" means the movement of people and goods by publicly or privately owned water vehicle, bus, railroad car, aircraft, rapid transit vehicle, taxicab, or other conveyance which provides general or special service to the public, but not including charter or sightseeing service or transportation which is exclusively for school purposes. Public transportation, public transportation services, or public transportation purposes; and comprehensive transportation, comprehensive transportation services, or comprehensive transportation purposes as defined in this subdivision are declared by law to be transportation purposes within the meaning of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(i) "State transportation commission" means the state transportation commission established in section 28 of article V of the state constitution of 1963.

(j) "Governmental unit" means the state transportation department, the state transportation commission, a county road commission, a city, or a village.

(k) "Department" or "department of transportation" means the state transportation department, which may be referred to administratively as the department of transportation.

(l) "Preservation" means an activity undertaken to preserve the integrity of the existing roadway system. Preservation does not include new construction of highways, roads, streets, or bridges, a project that increases the capacity of a highway facility to accommodate that part of traffic having neither an origin nor destination within the local area, widening of a lane width or more, or adding turn lanes of more than 1/2 mile in length. Preservation includes, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

(i) Maintenance.

(ii) Capital preventive treatments.

(iii) Safety projects.

(iv) Reconstruction.

- (v) Resurfacing.
- (vi) Restoration.
- (vii) Rehabilitation.
- (viii) Widening of less than the width of 1 lane.
- (ix) Adding auxiliary weaving, climbing, or speed change lanes.
- (x) Modernizing intersections.
- (xi) Adding auxiliary turning lanes of 1/2 mile or less.

(m) "Maintenance" means routine maintenance or preventive maintenance, or both. Maintenance does not include capital preventive treatments, resurfacing, reconstruction, restoration, rehabilitation, safety projects, widening of less than 1 lane width, adding auxiliary turn lanes of 1/2 mile or less, adding auxiliary weaving, climbing, or speed-change lanes, modernizing intersections, or the upgrading of aggregate surface roads to hard surface roads. Maintenance of state trunk line highways does not include streetlighting except for freeway lighting for traffic safety purposes.

(n) "Routine maintenance" means actions performed on a regular or controllable basis or in response to uncontrollable events upon a highway, road, street, or bridge. Routine maintenance includes, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

- (i) Snow and ice removal.
- (ii) Pothole patching.
- (iii) Unplugging drain facilities.
- (iv) Replacing damaged sign and pavement markings.
- (v) Replacing damaged guardrails.
- (vi) Repairing storm damage.
- (vii) Repair, replacement, or operation of traffic signal systems.
- (viii) Emergency environmental cleanup.
- (ix) Emergency repairs.
- (x) Emergency management of road closures that result from uncontrollable events.
- (xi) Cleaning streets and associated drainage.
- (xii) Installing traffic signs and signal devices.
- (xiii) Mowing roadside.
- (xiv) Control of roadside brush and vegetation.
- (xv) Cleaning roadside.
- (xvi) Repairing lighting.
- (xvii) Grading.

(o) "Preventive maintenance" means a planned strategy of cost-effective treatments to an existing roadway system and its appurtenances that preserve assets by retarding deterioration and maintaining functional condition without significantly increasing structural capacity. Preventive maintenance includes, but is not limited to, 1 or more of the following:

- (i) Pavement crack sealing.
- (ii) Micro surfacing.
- (iii) Chip sealing.
- (iv) Concrete joint resealing.
- (v) Concrete joint repair.
- (vi) Filling shallow pavement cracks.
- (vii) Patching concrete.
- (viii) Shoulder resurfacing.
- (ix) Concrete diamond grinding.
- (x) Dowel bar retrofit.
- (xi) Bituminous overlays of 1-1/2 inches or less in thickness.
- (xii) Restoration of drainage.
- (xiii) Bridge crack sealing.
- (xiv) Bridge joint repair.

- (xv) Bridge seismic retrofit.
- (xvi) Bridge scour countermeasures.
- (xvii) Bridge painting.
- (xviii) Pollution prevention.
- (xix) New treatments as they may be developed.

(p) "County road commission" means the board of county road commissioners elected or appointed pursuant to section 6 of chapter IV of 1909 PA 283, MCL 224.6, or, in the case of a charter county with a population of 2,000,000 or more with an elected county executive that does not have a board of county road commissioners, the county executive for ministerial functions and the county commission provided for in section 14(1)(d) of 1966 PA 293, MCL 45.514, for legislative functions.

(q) "Capital preventive treatments" means any preventive maintenance category project on state trunk line highways that qualifies under the department's capital preventive maintenance program.

Sec. 10h. (1) By May 1 of each year, the state transportation commission shall report to each member of the legislature, the governor, and the auditor general its recommendations for a transportation program which the state transportation commission acts on under section 10e(10). The report shall specify the following:

(a) The estimated amount of money in the comprehensive transportation fund to be distributed in the following fiscal year and the amount of money in the comprehensive transportation fund to be distributed to each eligible authority, each intercity carrier, each eligible governmental agency, and the state transportation department; the estimated amount of money in the state trunk line fund to be distributed to the state transportation department for the preservation, as defined in section 10c, of state trunk line highways; and the estimated amount of money in the state trunk line fund to be distributed to the state transportation department for all other purposes in the following fiscal year. The report shall further subdivide the money to be distributed to each eligible authority, each intercity carrier, each eligible governmental agency, the state transportation department from the comprehensive transportation fund, the state transportation department from the state trunk line fund for the preservation of state trunk line highways, and the state transportation department from the state trunk line fund for all other purposes specifying how much of that money is proposed to be expended for either capital acquisitions, including demonstration projects, or for operating expenses, including demonstration projects.

(b) An account of all expenditures of funds distributed from the state trunk line fund and the comprehensive transportation fund to the state transportation department, eligible authorities, intercity carriers, and eligible governmental agencies, and the progress made by the state transportation department, eligible authorities, intercity carriers, and eligible governmental agencies in carrying out the approved transportation programs in the preceding fiscal year through the use of those funds. The progress report shall be made based on information supplied to the state transportation department on forms authorized by the federal department of transportation. For those eligible authorities, intercity carriers, and eligible governmental agencies not receiving federal funds pursuant to the urban mass transportation act of 1964, Public Law 88-365, the progress report shall be made upon forms supplied by the state transportation department. The progress report shall also contain the whole amount of the expenses of the state transportation department for the fiscal year.

(c) Each project certified to be eligible for a multiyear funding commitment.

(d) The status of all multiyear funding commitments.

(e) An account of the state transportation department's compliance in the preceding year with the requirements of section 11(2) and (3). The report shall also specify the justification for a waiver of the requirement of section 11(3), if that requirement was waived.

(2) The financial transactions and accounts related to distributions made from the comprehensive transportation fund to an eligible authority created under the metropolitan transportation authorities act of 1967, 1967 PA 204, MCL 124.401 to 124.426, shall be audited pursuant to that act. The cost of the audit shall be paid by the eligible authority. The financial transactions and accounts related to distributions made from the fund to an eligible governmental agency, other than a county, shall be audited in accordance with the uniform budgeting and accounting act, 1968 PA 2, MCL 141.421 to 141.440a. The financial transactions and accounts related to distributions made from the fund to a county which is an eligible governmental agency shall be audited in accordance with 1919 PA 71, MCL 21.41 to 21.55. The financial transactions and accounts relative to distributions made to an intercity carrier shall be audited by an independent certified public accountant in accordance with instructions promulgated by the department of treasury. A copy of the complete audit report and management letter shall be submitted by the eligible authority, intercity carrier, or eligible governmental agency to the state transportation department. The department of treasury shall develop minimum audit standards and requirements.

(3) There is hereby established a task force composed of the Michigan public transit association, the Michigan motorbus association, the Michigan rail users and supporters association, the Michigan railroad association, a representative of a state-owned or leased short line railroad, and the office of auditor general or a certified public

accountant appointed by the auditor general, to assist the department in the development of the progress report requirements outlined in subsection (1)(b).

Sec. 11. (1) A fund to be known as the state trunk line fund is established and shall be set up and maintained in the state treasury as a separate fund. The money deposited in the state trunk line fund is appropriated to the state transportation department for the following purposes in the following order of priority:

(a) For the payment, but only from money restricted as to use by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, of bonds, notes, or other obligations in the following order of priority:

(i) For the payment of contributions required to be made by the state highway commission or the state transportation commission under contracts entered into before July 18, 1979, under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, which contributions have been pledged before July 18, 1979, for the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, for the payment of which a sufficient sum is irrevocably appropriated.

(ii) For the payment of the principal and interest upon bonds designated "State of Michigan, State Highway Commissioner, Highway Construction Bonds, Series I", dated September 1, 1956, in the aggregate principal amount of \$25,000,000.00, issued pursuant to former 1955 PA 87 and the resolution of the state administrative board adopted August 6, 1956, for the payment of which a sufficient sum is irrevocably appropriated.

(iii) For the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued under section 18b for transportation purposes other than comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law and the payment of contributions of the state highway commission or state transportation commission to be made pursuant to contracts entered into under section 18d, which contributions are pledged to the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued under the authorization of section 18d and contracts executed pursuant to that section. A sufficient portion of the fund is irrevocably appropriated to pay, when due, the principal and interest on bonds or notes issued under section 18b for purposes other than comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law, and to pay the annual contributions of the state highway commission and the state transportation commission as are pledged for the payment of bonds issued pursuant to contracts authorized by section 18d.

(b) For the transfer of funds appropriated pursuant to section 10(1)(g) to the transportation economic development fund, but the transfer shall be reduced each fiscal year by the amount of debt service to be paid in that year from the state trunk line fund for bonds, notes, or other obligations issued to fund projects of the transportation economic development fund, which amount shall be certified by the department.

(c) For the transfer of funds appropriated pursuant to section 10(1)(a) to the railroad grade crossing account in the state trunk line fund for expenditure to meet the cost, in whole or in part, of providing for the improvement, installation, and retirement of new or existing safety devices or other rail grade crossing improvements at rail grade crossings on public roads and streets under the jurisdiction of this state, counties, or cities and villages. Projects shall be selected for funding in accordance with the following:

(i) Not more than 50% or less than 30% of these funds and matched federal funds shall be expended for state trunk line projects.

(ii) In prioritizing projects for these funds, in whole or in part, the department shall consider train and vehicular traffic volumes, accident history, traffic control device improvement needs, and the availability of funding.

(iii) Consistent with the other requirements for these funds, the first priority for funds deposited pursuant to this subdivision for rail grade crossing improvements and retirement shall be to match federal funds from the railroad-highway grade crossing improvement program or other comparable federal programs.

(iv) If federal funds from the railroad-highway grade crossing improvement program or other comparable federal programs have been exhausted, funds deposited pursuant to this subdivision shall be used to fund 100% of grade crossing projects that receive the highest priority of unfunded projects pursuant to criteria established by the department.

(v) State railroad grade crossing funds shall not be used, either as 100% of project cost or to match federal railroad-highway grade crossing improvement funds, for a crossing that is determined by the department pursuant to the criteria established by the department to be a lower priority than other projects that have not yet been funded. However, if sufficient funds are available, these state railroad grade crossing account funds may be used for not more than 50% of a project's cost for a crossing that is determined by the department pursuant to the criteria established by the department to be a lower priority if the balance of not less than 50% of the project's cost is provided by the road authority, railroad, or other sources.

(vi) The type of railroad grade crossing improvement, installation, relocation, or retirement of grade crossing surfaces, active and passive traffic control devices, pavement marking, or other related work shall be eligible for these railroad grade crossing account funds in the same manner as the project type eligibility provided by the federal funds from the railroad-highway grade crossing improvement program, except for the following:

(A) For new railroad crossings, these funds may be used for the crossing surface, active and passive traffic control devices, pavement marking, and other improvements necessitated by the new crossing.

(B) These funds may be used for the modification, relocation, or modernization of railroad grade crossing facilities necessitated by roadway improvement projects.

(C) If the department and the road authority with jurisdiction over a public road or street crossing formally agree that the grade crossing should be eliminated by permanent closing of the public road or street, the road authority making the closing shall receive \$5,000.00 from the railroad grade crossing account. In addition, any connecting road improvements necessitated by the grade crossing closure are reimbursable on an actual cost basis not to exceed \$10,000.00 per crossing closed. The physical removal of the crossing, roadway within railroad rights of way and street termination treatment will be negotiated between the road authority and railroad company. The funds provided to the road authority as a result of the crossing closure will be credited to its account representing the same road or street system on which the crossing is located.

(d) For the total operating expenses of the state trunk line fund for each fiscal year as appropriated by the legislature.

(e) For the preservation of state trunk line highways and bridges.

(f) For the opening, widening, improving, construction, and reconstruction of state trunk line highways and bridges, including the acquisition of necessary rights of way and the work incidental to that opening, widening, improving, construction, or reconstruction. Those sums in the state trunk line fund not otherwise appropriated, distributed, determined, or set aside by law shall be used for the construction or reconstruction of the national system of interstate and defense highways, referred to in this act as "the interstate highway system" to the extent necessary to match federal aid funds as the federal aid funds become available for that purpose; and, for the construction and reconstruction of the state trunk line system.

(g) The state transportation department may enter into agreements with county road commissions and with cities and villages to perform work on a highway, road, or street. The agreements may provide for the performance by any of the contracting parties of any of the work contemplated by the contract including engineering services and the acquisition of rights of way in connection with the work, by purchase or condemnation by any of the contracting parties in its own name, and for joint participation in the costs, but only to the extent that the contracting parties are otherwise authorized by law to expend money on the highways, roads, or streets. The state transportation department also may contract with a county road commission, city, and village to advance money to a county road commission, city, and village to pay their costs of improving railroad grade crossings on the terms and conditions agreed to in the contract. A contract may be executed before or after the state transportation commission borrows money for the purpose of advancing money to a county road commission, city, or village, but the contract shall be executed before the advancement of any money to a county road commission, city, or village by the state transportation commission, and shall provide for the full reimbursement of any advancement by a county road commission, city, or village to the state transportation department, with interest, within 15 years after advancement, from any available revenue sources of the county road commission, city, or village or, if provided in the contract, by deduction from the periodic disbursements of any money returned by the state to the county road commission, city, or village.

(h) For providing inventories of supplies and materials required for the activities of the state transportation department. The state transportation department may purchase supplies and materials for these purposes, with payment to be made out of the state trunk line fund to be charged on the basis of issues from inventory in accordance with the accounting and purchasing laws of this state.

(2) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, at least 90% of state revenue appropriated annually to the state trunk line fund less the amounts described in subdivisions (a) to (i) shall be expended annually by the state transportation department for the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations described in subsection (1)(a) issued after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. Of the amounts appropriated for state trunk line projects, the department shall, where possible, secure warranties of not less than 5-year full replacement guarantee for contracted construction work. If an appropriate certificate is filed under section 18e but only to the extent necessary, this subsection shall not prohibit the use of any amount of money restricted as to use by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and deposited in the state trunk line fund for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations pledging for the payment thereof money restricted as to use by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and deposited in the state trunk line fund, whenever issued, as specified under subsection (1)(a). The amounts which are deducted from the state trunk line fund for the purpose of the calculation required by this subsection are as follows:

(a) Amounts expended for the purposes described in subsection (1)(a) for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued before July 2, 1983.

(b) Amounts expended to provide the state matching requirement for projects on the national highway system and for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for the state matching requirements for projects on the national highway system.

(c) Amounts expended for the construction of a highway, street, road, or bridge to 1 or more of the following or for the payment of debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for the construction of a highway, street, road, or bridge to 1 or more of the following:

(i) A location for which a building permit has been obtained for the construction of a manufacturing or industrial facility.

(ii) A location for which a building permit has been obtained for the renovation of, or addition to, a manufacturing or industrial facility.

(d) Amounts expended for capital outlay other than for highways, roads, streets, and bridges or to pay debt service on bonds, notes, or other obligations issued after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for capital outlay other than for highways, roads, streets, and bridges.

(e) Amounts expended for the operating expenses of the state transportation department other than the units of the department performing the functions assigned on January 1, 1983 to the bureau of highways.

(f) Amounts expended pursuant to contracts entered into before January 1, 1983.

(g) Amounts expended for the purposes described in subsection (5).

(h) Amounts appropriated for deposit in the transportation economic development fund and the rail grade crossing account pursuant to section 10(1)(g) and 10(1)(a).

(i) Upon the affirmative recommendation of the director of the state transportation department and the approval by resolution of the state transportation commission, those amounts expended for projects vital to the economy of this state, a region, or local area or the safety of the public. The resolution shall state the cost of the project exempted from this subsection.

(3) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, the state transportation department shall expend annually at least 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the credit of the state trunk line fund in that year, except for federal revenue expended for the purposes described in subsection (2)(b), (c), (f), and (i) and for the payment of notes issued under section 18b(9) on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. The requirement of this subsection shall be waived if compliance would cause this state to be ineligible according to federal law for federal revenue, but only to the extent necessary to make this state eligible according to federal law for that revenue.

(4) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the state transportation department may loan money to county road commissions, cities, and villages for paying capital costs of transportation purposes described in the second paragraph of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 from the proceeds of bonds or notes issued pursuant to section 18b or from the state trunk line fund. Loans made directly from the state trunk line fund shall be made only after provision of funds for the purposes specified in subsection (1)(a) to (f). Loans described in this subsection are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(5) County road commissions, cities, and villages may borrow money from the proceeds of bonds or notes issued under section 18b or the state trunk line fund for the purposes set forth in subsection (4) that shall be repayable, with interest, from 1 or more of the following:

(a) The money to be received by the county road commission, city, or village from the Michigan transportation fund, except to the extent the money has been or may in the future be pledged by contract in accordance with 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, or has been or may in the future be pledged for the payment of the principal and interest upon notes issued pursuant to 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, or has been or may in the future be pledged for the payment of principal and interest upon bonds issued under section 18c or 18d, or has been or may in the future be pledged for the payment of the principal and interest upon bonds issued pursuant to 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707.

(b) Any other legally available funds of the city, village, or county road commission, other than the general funds of the county.

(6) Loans made pursuant to subsection (4) if required by the state transportation department may be payable by deduction by the state treasurer, upon direction of the state transportation department, from the periodic disbursements of any money returned by the state under this act to the county road commission, city, or village, but only after sufficient money has been returned to the county road commission, city, or village to provide for the payment of contractual obligations incurred or to be incurred and principal and interest on notes and bonds issued or to be issued under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707, or section 18c or 18d. The interest rates and payment schedules of any loans made from the proceeds of bonds or notes issued pursuant to section 18b shall be established by the state transportation department to conform as closely as practicable to the interest rate and repayment schedules on the bonds or notes issued to make the loans. However, the state transportation department may allow for the deferral of the first payment of interest or principal on the loans for a period of not to exceed 1 year after the respective first payment of interest or principal on the bonds or notes issued to make the loans.

(7) The amount borrowed by a county road commission, city, or village pursuant to subsection (5) shall not be included in, or charged against, any constitutional, statutory, or charter debt limitation of the county, city, or village and shall not be included in the determination of the maximum annual principal and interest requirements of, or the limitations upon, the maximum annual principal and interest incurred under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707, or section 18c or 18d.

(8) The county road commission, city, or village is not required to seek or obtain the approval of the electors, the municipal finance commission or its successor agency, or, except as provided in this subsection, the department of treasury to borrow money pursuant to subsection (5). The borrowing is not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, or to section 5(g) of the home rule city act, 1909 PA 279, MCL 117.5. The state transportation department shall give at least 10 days' notice to the state treasurer of its intention to make a loan under subsection (4). If the state treasurer gives notice to the director of the state transportation department within 10 days of receiving the notice from the state transportation department, that, based upon the then existing financial or credit situation of the county road commission, city, or village, it would not be in the best interests of the state to make a loan under subsection (4) to the county road commission, city, or village, the loan shall not be made unless the state treasurer, after a hearing, if requested by the affected county road commission, city, or village, subsequently gives notice to the director of the state transportation department that the loan may be made on the conditions that the state treasurer specifies.

(9) The state transportation commission may borrow money and issue bonds and notes under, and pursuant to the requirements of, section 18b to make loans to county road commissions, cities, and villages for the purposes described in the second paragraph of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, as provided in subsection (4). A single issue of bonds or notes may be issued for the purposes specified in subsection (4) and for the other purposes specified in section 18b. The house and senate transportation appropriations subcommittees shall be notified by the department if there are extras and overruns sufficient to require approval of either the state administrative board or the commission, or both, on any contract between the department and a local road agency or a private business.

(10) The director of the state transportation department, after consultation with representatives of the interests of county road commissions, cities, and villages, shall establish, by intergovernmental communication, procedures for the implementation and administration of the loan program established under subsections (4) to (9).

(11) Not more than 10% per year of all of the funds received by and returned to the state transportation department from any source for the purposes of this section may be expended for administrative expenses. The department shall be subject to section 14(5) if more than 10% per year is expended for administrative expenses. As used in this subsection, "administrative expenses" means those expenses that are not assigned including, but not limited to, specific road construction or preservation projects and are often referred to as general or supportive services. Administrative expenses shall not include net equipment expense, net capital outlay, debt service principal and interest, and payments to other state or local offices which are assigned, but not limited to, specific road construction projects or preservation activities.

(12) Any performance audits of the department shall be conducted according to government auditing standards issued by the United States general accounting office.

(13) Contracts entered into to advance money to a county road commission, city, or village under subsection (1)(g) are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

Sec. 11c. All federal aid construction projects, all other projects of the department concerning highways, streets, roads, and bridges, whose cost exceeds \$100,000.00 for construction or preservation as defined in section 10c, shall be performed by contract awarded by competitive bidding unless the department shall affirmatively find that under the circumstances relating to those projects, some other method is in the public interest. All of those findings shall be reported to the state transportation commission 90 days before work is commenced and promptly in writing to the appropriations committees of the senate and house of representatives. However, in a case in which the department determines emergency action is required, the reports need not be filed before work is commenced but shall be promptly filed. Local road agencies that make a decision not to perform construction or preservation projects exceeding \$100,000.00 shall contract for this work through competitive bidding.

Sec. 12. (1) The amount distributed to the county road commissions shall be returned to the county treasurers in the manner, for the purposes, and under the terms and conditions specified in this section. The department and the county road association of Michigan shall jointly develop incentives for counties to establish statewide purchasing pools for the more efficient use of Michigan transportation funds.

(2) Each county road commission shall be reimbursed in an amount up to \$10,000.00 per year for the sum paid to a licensed professional engineer employed or retained by the county road commission in the previous year. The sum shall be returned to each county road commission certified by the state transportation department as complying with this subsection regarding the employment of an engineer.



(3) An amount equal to 1% of the total amount returned to the county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund during the prior calendar year shall be withheld annually from the counties' November monthly distribution provided for in section 17, and the amount shall be returned to the county road commissions for snow removal purposes as provided in section 12a.

(4) An amount equal to 10% of the total amount returned to the county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund shall be returned to each county road commission having county primary, or county local road, or both, mileage in the urban areas as determined pursuant to section 12b. This sum shall be distributed pursuant to section 12b. The return shall be in addition to the amounts provided in subsections (6) and (7) and for the purposes stated in those subsections.

(5) An amount equal to 4% of the total amount returned to the county road commissions from the Michigan transportation fund shall be returned to the county road commissions in the same percentages as provided in subsection (7). All money returned to the county road commissions as provided in this subsection shall be expended by the county road commissions for the preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of county local road systems and shall be in addition to the amounts provided in subsection (7).

(6) Seventy-five percent of the remainder of the total amount to be returned to the counties shall be expended by each county road commission for the preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the county primary road system, including the acquisition of a necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the system, and a roadside park or motor parkway appurtenant to the system, and shall be returned to the counties as follows:

(a) Three-fourths of the amount in proportion to the amount received within the respective county during the 12 months next preceding the date of each monthly distribution, as specific taxes upon registered motor vehicles under the Michigan vehicle code, 1949 PA 300, MCL 257.1 to 257.923.

(b) One-tenth of the amount in the same proportion that the total mileage in the county primary road system of each county bears to the total mileage in all of the county primary road systems of the state.

(c) One eighty-third of the remaining 15% of the amount to each county.

(7) The balance of the remainder of the total amount to be returned to counties shall be expended by each county road commission for the preservation, construction, acquisition, and extension of the county local road system as defined by this act, including the acquisition of a necessary right of way for the system, work incidental to the system, and a roadside park or motor parkway appurtenant to the system, and shall be returned to the counties as follows:

(a) Sixty-five percent of the amount in the same proportion that the total mileage in the county local road system of each county bears to the total mileage in all of the county local road systems of the state.

(b) Thirty-five percent of the amount in the same proportion that the total population outside of incorporated municipalities in each county bears to the total population outside of incorporated municipalities in all of the counties of the state, according to the most recent statewide federal census as certified at the beginning of the state fiscal year.

(8) Money deposited in, or becoming a part of the county road funds of a board of county road commissioners shall be expended first for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds, for the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of bonds, for debt service requirements for the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of bonds, and for debt service requirements for the payment of notes and loans in the following order of priority:

(a) For the payment of contributions required to be made by a board of county road commissioners under a contract entered into under 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, which contributions have been pledged for the payment of the principal and interest on bonds issued under that act, or for the payment of total debt service requirements upon notes issued by a board of county road commissioners under 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254.

(b) For the payment of principal and interest upon bonds issued under section 18c, and the payment of contributions of a board of county road commissioners to be made pursuant to contracts entered into under section 18d, which contributions are pledged to the payment of principal and interest on bonds issued after June 30, 1957, under the authorization of section 18c and contracts executed pursuant to its provisions.

(c) For the payment of principal and interest upon loans received pursuant to section 11(7), to the extent other funds have not been made available for that payment.

(9) Not to exceed 30% per year of the amount returned to a county for use on the county primary road system may be expended, with or without matching, on the county local road system of that county. Not to exceed 15% per year of the amount returned to a county for expenditure on the county local road system may be used, with or without matching, on the county primary road system of that county, and not to exceed an additional 15% per year of the amount returned to a county for expenditure on the county local road system, may, in case of an emergency or with the approval of the state transportation department, be expended, with or without matching, on the county primary road system of that county. An amount returned to a county for and on account of county local roads, under this section, in excess of the total amount paid into the county treasury each year by all of the townships of that county for and on account of

the county local roads pursuant to section 14(6) may be transferred to and expended on the county primary road system of that county.

(10) Not less than 20% per year of the funds returned to a county by this section shall be expended for snow and ice removal, the construction or reconstruction of a new highway or existing highway, and the acquisition of a necessary right of way for those highways, and work incidental to those highways, or for the servicing of bonds issued by the county for these purposes. Surplus funds may be expended for the development, construction, or repair of an off-street parking facility.

(11) Not more than 5% per year of the funds returned to a county for the county primary road system and the county local road system shall be expended for the maintenance, improvement, or acquisition of appurtenant roadside parks and motor parkways.

(12) Funds returned to a county shall be expended by the county road commission for the purposes provided in this section and shall be deposited by the county treasurer in a designated county depository, in a separate account to the credit of the county road fund, and shall be paid out only upon the order of the county road commission, and interest accruing on the money shall become a part of, and be deposited with the county road fund.

(13) In a county to which the funds are returned the function of the county road commission shall be limited to the formation of policy and the performance of the official duties imposed by law and delegated by the county board of commissioners. A member of the county road commission shall not be employed individually in any other capacity for other duties with the county road commission.

(14) A county road commission may enter into an agreement with a county road commission of an adjacent county and with a city or village to perform work on a highway, road, or street, and with the state transportation department with respect to a state trunk line and connecting links of the state trunk line within the limits of the county or adjacent to the county. The agreement may provide for the performance by each contracting party of the work contemplated by the contract including engineering services and the acquisition of rights of way in connection with the work contemplated, by purchase or condemnation, by any of the contracting parties in its own name and the agreement may provide for joint participation in the costs.

(15) Money distributed from the Michigan transportation fund may be expended for construction purposes on county local roads only to the extent matched by money from other sources. However, Michigan transportation funds may be expended for the construction of bridges on the county local roads in an amount not to exceed 75% of the cost of the construction of local road bridges. This subsection does not apply to section 11b.

(16) Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, at least 90% of the state revenue returned annually to the county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund less the amounts described in subdivisions (a) to (e) shall be expended annually by the county road commission for the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges, and for the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of bonds or portions of bonds, debt service requirements for the payment of bonds or portions of bonds, and debt service requirements for the payment of notes and loans or portions of notes and loans issued or received after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. If an appropriate certificate is filed under subsection (19) but only to the extent necessary, this subsection shall not prohibit the use of any amount of state revenue returned annually to the county road commissions for the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of bonds, for debt service requirements for the payment of bonds, and for debt service requirements for the payment of notes or loans, whenever issued or received, as specified under subsection (8). The amounts which are deducted from the state revenue returned to a county road commission from the Michigan transportation fund, for the purpose of the calculation required by this subsection are as follows:

(a) Amounts expended for the purposes described in subsection (8) for bonds, notes, loans, or other obligations issued or received before July 2, 1983.

(b) Amounts expended for the administrative costs of the county road commission.

(c) Amounts expended for capital outlay projects for equipment and buildings, and for the payment of contractual contributions pledged for the payment of bonds, for debt service requirements for the payment of bonds, and for debt service requirements for the payment of notes and loans issued or received after July 1, 1983, for the purpose of providing funds for capital outlay projects for equipment and buildings.

(d) Amounts expended for projects vital to the economy of the local area or the safety of the public in the local area. Before these amounts can be deducted, the governing body over the county road commission or the county road commission, as applicable, shall pass a resolution approving these projects. This resolution shall state which projects will be funded and the cost of each project. A copy of each approved resolution shall be forwarded immediately to the department.

(e) Amounts expended in urban areas as determined pursuant to section 12b.

(17) As used in this subsection, "urban routes" means those portions of 2-lane county primary roads within an urban area which has average daily traffic in excess of 15,000. Notwithstanding any other provision of this act, except as provided in this subsection, a county road commission shall expend annually at least 90% of the federal revenue

distributed to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. A county road commission may expend in a year less than 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges, if that year is part of a 3-year period in which at least 90% of the total federal revenue distributed in the 3-year period to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, is expended on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges. If a county road commission expends in a year less than 90% of the federal revenue distributed to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and that year is not a part of a 3-year period in which at least 90% of the total federal revenue distributed in the 3-year period to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, is expended on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges, the county road commission shall expend in each year subsequent to the 3-year period 100%, or less in 1 year if sufficient for the purposes of this subsection, of the federal revenue distributed to the use of the county road commission for highways, roads, streets, and bridges, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges until the average percentage spent on the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges in the 3-year period and the subsequent years, less the amount expended on urban routes for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system, is at least 90%. A year may be included in only one 3-year period for the purposes of this subsection. The requirements of this subsection shall be waived if compliance would cause the county road commission to be ineligible according to federal law for federal revenue, but only to the extent necessary to make the county road commission eligible according to federal law for that revenue. For the purpose of the calculations required by this subsection, the amount expended on urban routes by a county road commission for other than preservation purposes and the amount expended for hard-surfacing of gravel roads on the federal-aid system shall be deducted from the total federal revenue distributed to the use of the county road commission.

(18) A county road commission shall certify, which certification shall, for purposes of the validity of bonds and notes, be conclusive as to the matters stated therein, to the state transportation department on or before the issuance of any bonds or notes issued after July 1, 1983, pursuant to 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, 1941 PA 205, MCL 252.51 to 252.64, or section 18c or 18d, for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and purposes other than the purposes specified in subsection (16)(c) that its average annual debt service requirements for all bonds and notes or portions of bonds and notes issued after July 1, 1983, for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and other than for the purposes specified in subsection (16)(c), including the bond or note to be issued does not exceed 10% of the funds returned to the county road commission pursuant to this act, less the amounts specified in subsection (16)(a), (b), and (c) during the last completed fiscal year of the county road commission. If the purpose for which the bonds or notes are issued is changed after the issuance of the notes or bonds, the change shall be made in such a manner to maintain compliance with the certification required by this subsection, as of the date the certificate was originally issued, but no such change shall invalidate or otherwise affect the bonds or notes with respect to which the certificate was issued or the obligation to pay debt service on the bonds or notes.

(19) In each charter county to which funds are returned under this section, the responsibility for road improvement, preservation, and traffic operation work, and the development, construction, or repair of off-road parking facilities and construction or repair of road lighting shall be coordinated by a single administrator to be designated by the county executive who shall be responsible for and shall represent the charter county in transactions with the state transportation department pursuant to this act.

(20) Not more than 10% per year of all of the funds received by and returned to a county from any source for the purposes of this section may be expended for administrative expenses. A county that expends more than 10% for administrative expenses in a year shall be subject to section 14(5) unless a waiver is granted by the department of treasury. As used in this subsection, "administrative expenses" means those expenses that are not assigned including, but not limited to, specific road construction or preservation projects and are often referred to as general or supportive services. Administrative expenses shall not include net equipment expense, net capital outlay, debt service principal and interest, and payments to other state or local offices which are assigned, but not limited to, specific road construction projects or preservation activities.

(21) In addition to the financial compliance audits required by law, the department of treasury shall conduct performance audits and make investigations of the disposition of all state funds received by county road commissions, county boards of commissioners, or any other county governmental agency acting as the county road authority, for

transportation purposes to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of this act. Performance audits shall be conducted according to government auditing standards issued by the United States general accounting office. The department of treasury shall provide 6 months notice to the county road commission or county board of commissioners, as applicable, of the standards to be used for audits performed under this subsection prior to the fiscal year in which the audit is conducted. The department shall notify the county road commission or county board of commissioners of any subsequent changes to the standards. County road commissions or county boards of commissioners, as applicable, shall make available to the department of treasury the pertinent records for the audit.

Sec. 18b. (1) The state transportation commission may borrow money and issue notes or bonds for the following purposes:

(a) To pay all or any portion of or to make loans, grants, or contract payments to pay all or any portion of any capital costs for the purposes described in section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(b) To pay the principal or the principal and interest on notes and, if the state transportation commission considers refunding to be expedient, to refund bonds payable from money in the state trunk line fund or the comprehensive transportation fund or received or to be received from the motor vehicle highway fund or the Michigan transportation fund regardless of when the refunded bonds were issued, by the issuance of new bonds, whether or not the bonds to be refunded have matured or are subject to prior redemption or are to be paid, redeemed, or surrendered at the time of issuance of the refunding bonds; and to issue new bonds partly to refund bonds or pay notes then outstanding and partly for any other transportation purpose authorized by this act.

(c) To pay all costs relating to the issuance of the bonds or notes described in this section, including, but not limited to, legal, engineering, accounting, and consulting services, interest on bonds or notes for such period as determined by the state transportation commission in the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes and a reserve for payment of principal, interest, and redemption premiums on the bonds or notes in an amount determined by the state transportation commission in the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes.

(2) The refunding bonds described in subsection (1)(b) shall be sold and the proceeds and the earnings or profits from the investment of those proceeds applied in whole or in part to the purchase, redemption, or payment of the principal or the principal and interest of the bonds to be refunded and the refunding bonds issued by the state transportation commission under subsection (1)(b) and the costs described in subsection (1)(c). Refunding notes or bonds shall be considered to be issued for the same purpose or purposes for which the notes or bonds to be refunded were issued.

(3) The notes or bonds authorized by this section shall be issued only after authorization by resolution of the state transportation commission, which resolution shall contain the following:

(a) An irrevocable pledge providing for the payment of the principal and interest on the notes or bonds from money which is restricted as to use by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and which is deposited or to be deposited in the comprehensive transportation fund, in the case of bonds or notes issued for comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law, or in the state trunk line fund, in the case of bonds or notes issued for transportation purposes described in the second paragraph of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, or in the case of notes or bonds, if the resolution authorizing the notes or bonds provides, from money received or to be received by the state transportation department from the proceeds of bonds or renewal notes to be issued after the date of the resolution or from money received or to be received from the proceeds of the grants described in subsection (9). If the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes so provides, a portion of the principal or interest on the bonds or notes may be secured by an irrevocable pledge of money deposited in the comprehensive transportation fund or the state trunk line fund, and the balance of the principal and interest secured by an irrevocable pledge of the proceeds of bonds or renewal notes or money received or to be received from the proceeds of the grants described in subsection (9).

(b) A brief statement describing the projects for which the notes or bonds are to be issued and in the case of notes or bonds to pay notes or refund bonds, a description of the notes or bonds to be paid or refunded. For purposes of this section and section 18k, in connection with bonds issued to fund the loan program established under section 11(6) to (11), the loan program shall constitute the project, and it shall not be necessary to specify the particular item or costs of a particular item to be financed from any particular loan made under the loan program.

(c) The estimated cost of the projects or refunding or refinancing.

(d) The detail of the notes or bonds including the date of issue, maturity date or dates of the bonds or notes, the maximum interest rate, the dates of payment of interest, the paying agents, the transfer agent or agents, the provisions for registration, the redemption provisions, and the manner of execution or, as provided in subsection (11)(d), the limitations within which such detail may be determined by the person designated by the commission.

(4) If after the issuance of notes or bonds, the state transportation commission determines that a project for which the notes or bonds are to be issued should be changed, the state transportation commission, by resolution, adopted after the 30 days' notice of intention to adopt the resolution has been given to the appropriations committees of the senate and the house of representatives, shall amend the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes to change the description of the project or projects or to substitute a different project or projects for the project for which the notes or bonds

were issued and shall make other revisions in the resolution authorizing the notes or bonds with respect to cost as may be necessary to permit the change in or substitution of a project or projects.

(5) Before October 1, 1979, the total amount of bonds and notes issued pursuant to this section for comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law shall not exceed an amount as will be serviced as to maximum principal and interest requirements by a sum equal to the amount deposited to the credit of the general transportation fund for the fiscal year ending September 30, 1977. After September 30, 1979, the total amount of bonds and notes issued pursuant to this section for comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law shall not exceed an amount as will be serviced, out of state funds only, as to maximum annual principal and interest requirements by an amount equal to 50% of the total amount of money from taxes, the use of which money is restricted by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, and which money is deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the comprehensive transportation fund during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of the bonds or notes.

(6) The total amount of bonds and notes issued pursuant to this section for transportation purposes described in the second paragraph of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 shall not exceed an amount as will be serviced as to the maximum principal and interest requirements by a sum equal to 50% of the total of the amount of money received from taxes, the use of which is restricted by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963 and which is deposited in the state treasury to the credit of the state trunk line fund during the state fiscal year immediately preceding the issuance of the bonds or notes.

(7) The principal or principal and interest or the portion of principal or interest of bonds or notes which are issued in anticipation of the issuance of bonds or renewal notes or of federal grants as provided in subsection (9) and which do not pledge for their payment money in the state trunk line fund or the comprehensive transportation fund or money received or to be received by the state transportation department from the Michigan transportation fund or the motor vehicle highway fund shall not be considered to be principal and interest requirements subject to the limitation set forth in subsections (5) and (6). The principal of and interest on notes or bonds refunded or for the refunding of which refunding bonds have been sold, whether the bonds to be refunded are to be retired at the time of delivery of the refunding bonds or not, shall not be considered to be principal and interest requirements subject to the limitation set forth in subsections (5) and (6).

(8) In computing the maximum annual principal and interest requirements under subsection (6), the total outstanding maximum annual contributions required to be made by the state highway commission and the state transportation commission pursuant to contracts entered into under the authorization of section 18d, which contributions are pledged to the payment of bonds issued under section 18d, shall be included in the amount.

(9) The state transportation commission may borrow money and issue notes or bonds in anticipation of the receipt of grants from the United States of America or any agency or instrumentality thereof and may pledge for the payment of the principal, interest, and redemption premiums on such notes or bonds 1 or more of the following:

(a) The proceeds of any grant and any investment earnings or gain on the grant.

(b) If deemed advisable by the state transportation commission, money which is restricted as to use by section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963, and which is deposited or to be deposited in the comprehensive transportation fund, in the case of bonds or notes issued for comprehensive transportation purposes as defined by law, or in the state trunk line fund, in the case of bonds or notes issued for transportation purposes described in the second paragraph of section 9 of article IX of the state constitution of 1963.

(c) If deemed advisable by the state transportation commission, money received or to be received by the state from the sale of the bonds or notes described in this section to be issued after the issuance of the notes or bonds described in this subsection and any investment earnings or gain thereon.

(10) Bonds or notes may be issued under this section as separate issues or series with different dates of issuance, but the aggregate of the bonds or notes shall be subject to the limitations set forth in this section.

(11) The state transportation commission in determining to issue bonds or notes may do 1 or more of the following:

(a) Authorize and enter into insurance contracts, agreements for lines of credit, letters of credit, commitments to purchase obligations, remarketing agreements, reimbursement agreements, and any other transactions to provide security to assure timely payment of any bonds or notes.

(b) Authorize payment from the proceeds of the bonds or notes or other funds available, of the cost of issuance, including, but not limited to, fees for placement, fees or charges for insurance, letters of credit, lines of credit, remarketing agreements, reimbursement agreements, or purchase or sales agreements or commitments, or other agreements to provide security to assure timely payment of bonds or notes.

(c) Authorize principal and interest to be payable from 1 or more of the following:

(i) Money described in subsection (3)(a).

(ii) Proceeds of bonds or notes.

(iii) Earning on proceeds of bonds or notes or other funds held for payment of bonds or notes.

(iv) Proceeds of any other security provided to assure timely payment of the bonds or notes.

(v) Proceeds of federal grants and other money described in subsection (9).

(vi) Any combination of the sources described in subparagraphs (i) to (v).

(d) Authorize or provide for a person designated by the state transportation commission, but only within limitations which shall be contained in the authorization resolution of the state transportation commission, to do 1 or more of the following:

(i) Sell and deliver and receive payment for bonds or notes.

(ii) Refund bonds or notes by the delivery of new bonds or notes, whether or not the bonds or notes to be refunded have matured or are subject to redemption prior to maturity on the date of delivery of the refunding bonds or notes.

(iii) Deliver bonds or notes partly to refund bonds or notes and partly for any other authorized purposes.

(iv) Buy, hold without cancellation, or sell bonds or notes so issued.

(v) Approve interest rates or methods for fixing interest rates, prices, discounts, maturities, principal amounts, denominations, dates of issuance, interest payment dates, optional or mandatory redemption or tender rights and obligations to be exercised by the state transportation commission or the holder, the place of delivery and payment, and other matters and procedures necessary to complete the transactions authorized.

(e) In connection with outstanding bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under this act, or in connection with the issuance or proposed issuance of bonds, notes, or other indebtedness, the state transportation commission may authorize by resolution the execution and delivery of agreements providing for interest rate exchanges or swaps, hedges, or similar agreements. The obligations of this state under the agreements, including termination payments, may be made payable from and secured by a pledge of the same sources of funds as the bonds, notes, or other obligations in connection with which the agreements are entered into, or from any other sources of funds available as a payment source of bonds, notes, or other obligations issued under this act. In calculating debt service on bonds, notes, and other obligations, the payments and receipts under the agreements authorized by this subsection, without regard to termination payments, and the payment obligations under the bonds, notes, or other obligations in connection with which the agreements are entered into, shall be aggregated and treated as a single obligation.

(f) Bonds and notes issued under this act are not subject to the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821.

(g) The issuance of bonds and notes under this section is subject to the agency financing reporting act.

If additionally secured as provided in this subsection, the bonds or notes, notwithstanding other provisions of this act, may be made payable or subject to purchase on demand or prior to maturity at the option of the holder at the time and in the manner as determined by the state transportation commission or the designated person as provided in the resolution authorizing the bonds or notes. Any bonds or notes authorized by this section may bear no interest or interest at a rate or rates which may be variable but which shall be subject to the limitations provided in section 18e as provided in the resolution authorizing the obligations. If bonds or notes are subject to payment or purchase on demand or prior to maturity at the option of the holder, and the obligation of the state to make payment or effect purchases on demand or prior to maturity, at the option of the holder is limited to the proceeds of 1 or more of the additional security devices described in this subsection and is not payable from constitutionally restricted funds deposited in the comprehensive transportation fund or the state trunk line fund, for purposes of computing maximum annual principal and interest requirements under subsections (5) and (6), the principal and interest on the bonds or notes subject to payment or purchase on demand or prior redemption at the option of the holder shall be disregarded and the maximum annual principal and interest requirements which would arise with respect to the repayment of the proceeds of the additional security device shall be substituted therefor.

Sec. 18e. Except for bonds issued under section 18c, bonds issued by a governmental unit under this act shall be serial bonds with periodic maturities, or term bonds, with mandatory redemption requirements, or both serial and term bonds, the aggregate of which shall not exceed 30 years, the first of which shall fall due not more than 5 years from the date of issuance. Maturities shall be as established by the resolution or ordinance authorizing the bonds or notes, without regard to the useful lives of the projects financed from the proceeds of the bonds or notes. The bonds shall bear interest, taking into account any discount or premium on the sale of the bonds, at a rate not exceeding the maximum rate permitted by the revised municipal finance act, 2001 PA 34, MCL 141.2101 to 141.2821, may be made redeemable before maturity on those terms and conditions, and with the premium as shall be provided by the proceedings authorizing their issuance. Outstanding and authorized bonds issued pursuant to this act may be treated as a single issue for the purpose of fixing maturities. If pursuant to 1952 PA 175, MCL 247.701 to 247.707, or in 1943 PA 143, MCL 141.251 to 141.254, the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on bonds issued by governmental units are required to be measured by reference to amounts received from the motor vehicle highway fund, the requirements shall be measured by the receipts from the motor vehicle highway fund, the Michigan transportation fund, or both funds, and if pursuant to this act the maximum annual principal and interest requirements on bonds or notes issued by governmental units are required to be measured by reference to amounts received from the Michigan transportation fund, the requirements shall be measured by the receipts from the motor vehicle highway fund, the Michigan

transportation fund, or both funds. The state transportation commission shall certify, which certification shall, for purposes of the validity of bonds, notes, and other obligations, be conclusive as to the matters stated in the certification, to the state treasury on or before the issuance of any bonds, notes, or other obligations payable from and secured by a lien on the state trunk line fund, issued after July 1, 1983, pursuant to section 18b or 18d for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and for purposes other than the purposes specified in section 11(2)(b), (c), (d), (g), (h), and (i) that its average annual debt service requirements payable from and secured by a lien on the state trunk line fund for all bonds, notes, and other obligations, or portions of bonds, notes, and other obligations issued after July 1, 1983, for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and other than for the purposes specified in section 11(2)(b), (c), (d), (g), (h), and (i), including the bonds, notes, or other obligations to be issued does not exceed 10% of the state revenue appropriated to the state trunk line fund, less the amounts described in section 11(2)(a) to (i) during the last completed state fiscal year. The state transportation commission shall certify, which certification shall, for purposes of the validity of bonds, notes, or other certification, to the state treasury on or before the issuance of any bonds, notes, or other obligations issued after December 31, 2001, pursuant to section 18b(9) in anticipation of the receipt of grants from the United States or any agency or instrumentality of the United States for distributions to the credit of the state trunk line fund, and not payable from taxes deposited in the state trunk line fund, for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and for purposes other than the purposes specified in section 11(2)(b), (c), (f), and (i), that its average annual debt service requirements for all bonds, notes, and other obligations, or portions of bonds, notes, or other obligations issued after December 31, 2001, pursuant to section 18b(9) and not payable from taxes deposited in the state trunk line fund, for purposes other than the preservation of highways, roads, streets, and bridges and other than the purposes specified in section 11(2)(b), (c), (f), and (i), including the bonds, notes, or other obligations to be issued, do not exceed 10% of the federal revenue distributed to the credit of the state trunk line fund during the last completed state fiscal year. If the purpose for which the bonds, notes, or other obligations is issued is changed after the issuance of the bonds, notes, or other obligations, the change shall be made in a manner to maintain compliance with the certification required by the preceding sentence, as of the date the certificate was originally issued, but no change shall invalidate or otherwise affect the bonds, notes, or other obligations with respect to which the certificate was issued, or the obligation to pay debt service on the bonds, notes, or other obligations. As used in this section, "preservation" means preservation as defined in section 10c.

Sec. 20a. A board of county road commissioners in a county having a population of not less than 500,000 and the township board of a township having a population of not less than 40,000, as determined by the most recent statewide federal census, and which in the prior year and the contract year will have levied a property tax of not less than 1 mill on each dollar of assessed valuation of the township for the improvement or preservation of county roads within the township, may exercise the provisions of this section only by entering into a written contract of not more than 1 year providing for the preservation by the township of all or any part of the county local road system within that township, subject to, but not limited to, the following conditions:

(a) The contract shall specify the total amount of money that shall be annually expended by the contracting township for the preservation of the local road system or part thereof. The contracting road commission may pay not more than 75% of the amount specified in the contract to the contracting township annually. The contracting road commission shall not pay more than 66% of an amount equal to the average annual amount of funds expended by the county road commission on the local road system located within the contracting township for construction and preservation purposes over the previous 5-year period from local road funds received by the county under this act. Any funds expended by the contracting road commission on the local road system located within the contracting township in excess of 66% shall be matched by the contracting township. The amount paid the contracting township shall not directly or indirectly include moneys transferred from the primary fund allocation to the county as set forth in section 12(8).

(b) The contracting township shall keep separate accounts and accurate and uniform records on all road preservation work and funds, and shall file with the state highway commission and the contracting county road commission on or before April 1 of each year, on forms to be provided by the state highway commission, a report showing the disposition of funds received and expended for road purposes. The failure of a contracting township to apply moneys returned pursuant to this act to the purposes herein prescribed shall result in the forfeiture by the contracting county of any and all funds to which it may have been entitled under this act and all funds so forfeited shall thereafter be apportioned among the other county road commissions in the same manner and proportion as hereinbefore provided for the distribution of the motor vehicle highway fund.

(c) The contract shall require the contracting township to provide insurance covering the contracting road commission's liability for failure to preserve the local roads specified in the contract.

(d) The contracting road commission shall determine and specify the equipment and personnel necessary to provide the preservation as set forth in the contract, and the contract shall not take effect until the contracting township has acquired the necessary equipment and personnel so specified.

(e) As used in this section, the term "preservation" shall be construed to include the same meaning as set forth in section 10c. If the contracting parties intend to give a different meaning than as set forth in section 10c, the contract shall so specify.

This act is ordered to take immediate effect.



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Clerk of the House of Representatives.



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Secretary of the Senate.

Approved .....

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Governor.