HOUSE BILL 457

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By: **Delegate Howard**

Introduced and read first time: February 1, 2012

Assigned to: Ways and Means

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

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Transportation – Highway Construction Training and Supportive Services

- 3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to use the maximum
- 4 amount of certain federal funds available under a certain provision of federal
- 5 law for highway construction training and supportive services, including skill
- 6 improvement programs; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report
- by a certain date each year to certain committees of the General Assembly;
- 8 requiring the report to include certain information; defining a certain term; and
- 9 generally relating to the use of federal funds for highway construction training.
- 10 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
- 11 Article Transportation
- 12 Section 8–502
- 13 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
- 15 BY adding to
- 16 Article Transportation
- 17 Section 8–508
- 18 Annotated Code of Maryland
- 19 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2011 Supplement)
- 20 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
- 21 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

22 Article – Transportation

- 23 8–502.
- The purpose of this subtitle is to assist the national recovery and promote the
- 25 general welfare by enabling this State and its political subdivisions to provide



- 1 matching funds for and secure the benefits of any federal funds available under the
- 2 federal acts for the construction and reconstruction of State highways and county
- 3 roads and for related State or local projects.
- 4 **8–508.**
- 5 (A) IN THIS SECTION, "HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION" INCLUDES ACTUAL CONSTRUCTION, PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, HIGHWAY PLANNING AND RESEARCH, OR ANY OTHER WORK OR ACTIVITY TO IMPLEMENT FEDERAL LAWS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF FEDERAL AID FOR HIGHWAYS.
- 9 (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL USE THE MAXIMUM FEASIBLE 10 AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 11 140(B) TO DEVELOP, CONDUCT, AND ADMINISTER HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION 12 TRAINING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, INCLUDING SKILL IMPROVEMENT 13 PROGRAMS.
- 14 (C) (1) By February 1 of each year, the Administration shall submit to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, Senate Finance Committee, House Appropriations Committee, and House Committee on Ways and Means, in accordance with § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, a report on the Administration's Compliance with subsection (b) of this section with respect to each
- 20 OF THE 2 PREVIOUS CALENDAR YEARS.
- 21 (2) THE REPORT SHALL:
- 22 (I) DESCRIBE THE HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION TRAINING, 23 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, AND SKILL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS THE
- 24 ADMINISTRATION HAS CONDUCTED AND ADMINISTERED;
- 25 (II) ANALYZE THE RESULTS OF THE TRAINING PROGRAMS;
- 26 (III) STATE THE AMOUNT OF FEDERAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO THE STATE UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 140(B); AND
- 28 (IV) IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT SPENT BY THE 29 ADMINISTRATION IN CONDUCTING AND ADMINISTERING THE PROGRAMS.
- 30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect 31 July 1, 2012.