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H.B. No. 3185

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the formula program for distribution of state grants to public transportation providers.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Section 456.022, Transportation Code, is amended to read as follows:

Sec. 456.022. FORMULA ALLOCATION [BY CATEGORIES]. The commission shall adopt rules establishing a formula allocating funds among individual eligible public transportation providers. The formula may take into account a transportation provider's performance, the number of its riders, the need of residents in its service area for public transportation, population, population density, land area, and other factors established by the commission. [Under the formula program the commission shall allocate.]

~~[(1) 50 percent of the money to municipalities that are.]~~

~~[(A) designated recipients in urbanized areas or transit providers eligible under Section 456.003 and not served by a transit authority, and]~~

~~[(B) designated recipients that are not included in a transit authority but are located in urbanized areas that include one or more transit authorities and received state transit funding during the biennium that ended August 31, 1997, and]~~

1                   ~~[(2) 50 percent of the money to designated recipients~~  
2 ~~in nonurbanized areas.]~~

3           SECTION 2. Section 256.024, Transportation Code, is  
4 repealed.

5           SECTION 3. The Act takes effect immediately if it receives a  
6 vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as  
7 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this  
8 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this  
9 Act takes effect September 1, 2003.