

P.L. 2023, CHAPTER 82, *approved June 30, 2023*
Senate, No. 3953

1 **AN ACT** concerning the improvement of the State transportation
2 system and bridges and making an appropriation.

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4 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
5 *of New Jersey:*

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7 1. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
8 remaining unexpended funds from the “Statewide Transportation
9 and Local Bridge Bond Act of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.181, which were
10 appropriated pursuant to section 3 of P.L.2000, c.155 and section 3
11 of P.L.2001, c.239 shall be reappropriated the Department of
12 Transportation and made available for the purposes set forth in
13 subsection b. of this section.

14 b. The funds reappropriated pursuant to this section shall be
15 administered by the Department of Transportation to offset any
16 cost, eligible under the provisions of P.L.1999, c.181 for
17 transportation projects, to be allocated at the discretion of the
18 Commissioner of Transportation.

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20 2. a. Notwithstanding any provision of law to the contrary, any
21 remaining unexpended funds from the “Statewide Transportation
22 and Local Bridge Bond Act of 1999,” P.L.1999, c.181, which were
23 appropriated pursuant to section 2 of P.L.2000, c.11, section 2 of
24 P.L.2000, c.155, or section 2 of P.L.2001, c.239 shall be
25 reappropriated to the Department of Transportation and made
26 available for the purposes set forth in subsection b. of this section.

27 b. The funds reappropriated pursuant to this section shall be
28 administered by the Department of Transportation to offset any
29 cost, eligible under the provisions of P.L.1999, c.181, for the
30 rehabilitation and improvement of structurally deficient bridges
31 carrying county and municipal roads, but only within the county to
32 which such funds were previously appropriated.

33 c. Any funds appropriated pursuant to the provisions of this
34 section that are not expended or obligated within two years of the
35 effective date of this act shall be consolidated into a single account
36 and redistributed to each county in this State on a formula basis, to
37 be established by the Department of Transportation, for the
38 rehabilitation and improvement of structurally deficient bridges
39 carrying county or municipal roads. Funds that have not been
40 obligated, but are required to complete a project under
41 development, shall be subject to consolidation and redistribution.

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43 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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STATEMENT

This bill reappropriates unexpended funds from the “Statewide Transportation and Local Bridge Bond Act of 1999” (act) to the Department of Transportation (department) that were originally appropriated for the purpose of: (1) financing the costs of transportation projects; and (2) providing grants to county and municipal governments for the costs to rehabilitate and improve certain structurally deficient bridges.

The bill provides that the funds appropriated to the department, which were originally appropriated to provide grants to county and municipal governments for the costs to rehabilitate and improve certain structurally deficient bridges, are to be administered by the department to offset any eligible cost to rehabilitate and improve certain structurally deficient bridges, but only within the county to which the funds were previously appropriated.

Additionally, the bill provides that the funds appropriated to rehabilitate and improve certain structurally deficient bridges that are not expended or obligated within two years of the bill’s effective date are to be consolidated into a single account and redistributed to each county based on a formula established by the department. Under the bill, funds that have not been obligated, but are required to complete a project under development are subject to consolidation and redistribution.

Appropriates unexpended funds from “1999 Statewide Transportation and Local Bridge Fund.”