

HB 295 -- State Transportation Fund Bonds

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This bill allows the Highways and Transportation Commission to issue bonds to fund transportation purposes other than road and highway construction and maintenance. These bonds will be offered at a public sale or a negotiated sale and will be for a period of 30 years. The proceeds from the sale will be deposited into the State Transportation Fund.

Bonds may be issued for refunding purposes. The proceeds of refunding bonds may be applied to the payment of the bonds being refunded or deposited in trust and maintained in cash or investments for the retirement of the bonds being refunded, as specified by the commission and the authorizing resolution or trust indenture securing these bonds. Refunding bonds will be for a period of not more than 30 years.

The commission may allow up to 25% of any amount of funds appropriated into the transportation fund to be used to assist local public transportation providers to meet the local match requirements for federal transit capital grants if the ratio of state and local funds used to provide the local match requirements for federal transit capital grants is not more than 50% state and at least 50% local.