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State Transportation Flexibility Act

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Sponsor

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Party: Republican • **State:** OH • **Chamber:** Senate

Cosponsors

No cosponsors are listed for this bill.

Committee Activity

Committee	Chamber	Activity	Date
Environment and Public Works Committee	Senate	Referred To	Feb 28, 2019

Subjects & Policy Tags

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Transportation and Public Works

Related Bills

No related bills are listed.

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This bill provides flexibility for a state to opt out of the federal-aid highway program.

Specifically, the bill

- requires the Department of Transportation (DOT) to implement a direct federal-aid highway program that permits a state to (1) waive its right to receive funds under the program, and (2) receive a prorated amount of taxes apportioned to the Highway Trust Fund (other than for the Mass Transit Account);
- sets forth responsibilities for states that elect to waive their rights, including that such states must agree to obligate or expend program amounts exclusively for projects that are eligible for surface transportation program funding; and
- directs DOT to implement a similar alternative funding program for public transportation programs.

Actions Timeline

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