

HOUSE BILL NO. 5906

March 15, 2022, Introduced by Reps. VanSingel and Witwer and referred to the Committee on Transportation.

A bill to amend 1951 PA 51, entitled

"An act to provide for the classification of all public roads, streets, and highways in this state, and for the revision of that classification and for additions to and deletions from each classification; to set up and establish the Michigan transportation fund; to provide for the deposits in the Michigan transportation fund of specific taxes on motor vehicles and motor vehicle fuels; to provide for the allocation of funds from the Michigan transportation fund and the use and administration of the fund for transportation purposes; to promote safe and efficient travel for motor vehicle drivers, bicyclists, pedestrians, and other legal users of roads, streets, and highways; to set up and establish the truck safety fund; to provide for the allocation of funds from the

truck safety fund and administration of the fund for truck safety purposes; to set up and establish the Michigan truck safety commission; to establish certain standards for road contracts for certain businesses; to provide for the continuing review of transportation needs within the state; to authorize the state transportation commission, counties, cities, and villages to borrow money, issue bonds, and make pledges of funds for transportation purposes; to authorize counties to advance funds for the payment of deficiencies necessary for the payment of bonds issued under this act; to provide for the limitations, payment, retirement, and security of the bonds and pledges; to provide for appropriations and tax levies by counties and townships for county roads; to authorize contributions by townships for county roads; to provide for the establishment and administration of the state trunk line fund, local bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds; to provide for the deposits in the state trunk line fund, critical bridge fund, comprehensive transportation fund, and certain other funds of money raised by specific taxes and fees; to provide for definitions of public transportation functions and criteria; to define the purposes for which Michigan transportation funds may be allocated; to provide for Michigan transportation fund grants; to provide for review and approval of transportation programs; to provide for submission of annual legislative requests and reports; to provide for the establishment and functions of certain advisory entities; to provide for conditions for grants; to provide for the issuance of bonds and notes for transportation purposes; to provide for the powers and duties of certain state and local agencies and officials; to provide for the making of loans for transportation purposes by the state transportation department and for the receipt and repayment by local units and agencies of those loans from certain specified sources; to investigate and study the tolling of roads, streets, highways, or bridges; and to repeal acts and parts of acts,"

(MCL 247.651 to 247.675) by adding section 20b.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 **Sec. 20b. (1) The department shall create and operate a**
 2 **culvert replacement grant program to fund the replacement of**
 3 **culverts in cities, townships, and villages by local road agencies.**
 4 **Subject to subsections (2) to (4), the department shall, on**
 5 **appropriation, provide grants of not less than \$50,000.00 and not**

1 more than \$1,000,000.00 to local road agencies that submit an
2 application that meets the requirements of subsection (2).

3 (2) A grant application under the program must be made on a
4 form approved by the department and must contain the information
5 required by the department. A grant application under the program
6 may be made at any time as determined by the department.

7 (3) The department shall establish a review process for
8 considering grant applications under the program that prioritizes
9 approving grant applications for culvert replacement projects that
10 have the greatest impact on environmental improvement.

11 (4) No later than 120 days after receiving a grant application
12 under this section, the department shall notify the applicant in
13 writing whether the grant application is approved or rejected. If
14 the department fails to notify an applicant in writing whether a
15 grant application is approved or rejected within 120 days after
16 receiving the grant application, the grant application is
17 considered approved. Before releasing culvert replacement grant
18 money from the culvert replacement fund, the department must enter
19 into a written agreement with the grant recipient that provides the
20 complete details of the culvert replacement project.

21 (5) For each year in which the department receives grant
22 applications, the department shall report by December 1 to the
23 standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with
24 primary jurisdiction over issues pertaining to transportation and
25 the senate and house of representatives appropriations committees
26 on the utilization of money from the program. The report must
27 include, at a minimum, both of the following:

28 (a) The number of grant applications received under this
29 section.

1 (b) The name of each local road agency that submitted a grant
2 application, and whether each grant application was approved or
3 denied.

4 (6) As used in this section:

5 (a) "Local road agency" means that term as defined in section
6 9a.

7 (b) "Program" means the culvert replacement grant program
8 created in subsection (1).

9 Enacting section 1. This amendatory act does not take effect
10 unless Senate Bill No. ____ or House Bill No. 5905 (request no.
11 05749'22) of the 101st Legislature is enacted into law.