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SENATE BILL 889
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Short Title: RPO Area Definition. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Rabon (Primary Sponsor); Bingham, Carney, Davis, Goolsby,
Harrington, Meredith, and Rouzer.

Referred to: Transportation.

May 24, 2012

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CHANGE THE DEFINITION ON AN AREA THAT CAN BE REPRESENTED
BY A RURAL PLANNING ORGANIZATION, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE JOINT
LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. G.S. 136-211 reads as rewritten:

"§ 136-211. Department authorized to establish Rural Transportation Planning
Organizations.

(a) Authorization. – The Department of Transportation is authorized to form Rural
Transportation Planning Organizations.

(b) Area Represented. – Rural Transportation Planning Organizations shall include
representatives from contiguous areas in three to fifteen counties, ~~with or~~ a total population of
the entire area represented of at least 50,000 persons according to the latest population estimate
of the ~~Office of State Planning~~ Office of State Budget and Management. Noncontiguous
counties adjacent to the same Metropolitan Planning Organization may form a Rural
Transportation Planning Organization. Areas already included in a Metropolitan Planning
Organization shall not be included in the area represented by a Rural Transportation Planning
Organization.

(c) Membership. – The Rural Transportation Planning Organization shall consist of
local elected officials or their designees and representatives of local transportation systems in
the area as agreed to by all parties in a memorandum of understanding.

(d) Formation; Memorandum of Understanding. – The Department shall notify local
elected officials and representatives of local transportation systems around the State of the
opportunity to form Rural Transportation Planning Organizations. The Department shall work
cooperatively with interested local elected officials, their designees, and representatives of local
transportation systems to develop a proposed area, membership, functions, and responsibilities
of a Rural Transportation Planning Organization. The agreement of all parties shall be included
in a memorandum of understanding approved by the membership of a proposed Rural
Transportation Planning Organization and the Secretary of the Department of Transportation."

SECTION 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.



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