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SENATE DRS95226-ME-125A* (03/06)

Short Title: DOT to Study Tolls on Interstate 95. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Newton, Jackson, and Jones (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED 2 AN ACT TO STUDY THE IMPOSITION OF TOLLS ON INTERSTATE 95 AND TO 3 DELAY TOLLING UNTIL APPROVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. 4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts: 5 SECTION 1. The sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) is 6 appropriated from the Highway Fund to the Department of Transportation to pay for the study 7 required by Section 2 of this act. 8 **SECTION 2.** Prior to establishing or collecting any tolls on Interstate 95, the 9 Department of Transportation shall conduct a comprehensive study of the impact of tolling Interstate 95 on the corridor and surrounding areas, including, but not limited to, the following: 10 11 The economic impact on residents and businesses along the Interstate 95 (1) 12 corridor. 13 The impact on the alternative routes to Interstate 95, including expected (2) 14 increased traffic on those routes, any safety issues created by any increased 15 traffic on those routes, and expected travel time delays for drivers using the 16 alternative routes. 17 The department shall conduct a campaign to solicit feedback on its various tolling proposals from the local governments and residents along the Interstate 95 corridor. 18 19

SECTION 3. Notwithstanding G.S. 136-89.198, the Department of Transportation shall not toll Interstate 95 prior to approval by the General Assembly.

SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.

