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AN ACT relative to the department of transportation and to amend
Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-3-2305 and Title
54, Chapter 1.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. A department of transportation disparity study shall be conducted to objectively evaluate the extent, if any, to which departmental practices and policies discriminate against racial minorities. The study shall be performed by a qualified, independent contractor who is nationally recognized for conducting disparity studies of the highest quality and precision. Such contractor shall be jointly selected by the commissioner of finance and administration and the comptroller of the treasury. Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, the cost of the study shall be paid from existing resources within the state highway fund. In order to expedite the study, all state officials and employees shall cooperate fully with the independent contractor.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2001, the public welfare requiring it.