

**Conference Committee Report on  
House Bill No. 2156 / Senate Bill No. 2243**

The House and Senate Conference Committee appointed pursuant to motions to resolve the differences between the two houses on House Bill No. 2156 (Senate Bill No. 2243) has met and recommends that all amendments be deleted.

The Committee further recommends that the following amendment be adopted:

by deleting all language after the enacting clause and by substituting instead the following:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 7-56-102, is amended by adding the following language as a new subsection:

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, no local government or any transit authority created by any local government shall construct, maintain or operate any bus rapid transit system using a separate lane, or other separate right-of-way, dedicated to the use of such bus rapid transit system on any state highway or state highway right-of-way unless the project to construct, maintain or operate such bus rapid transit system on the state highway or state highway right-of-way is approved by the governing body of the local government and by the commissioner of the department of transportation. Prior to approval of the project, the commissioner of transportation shall provide written notice of any such proposed project to the speakers of the senate and the house of representatives, the chairs of the finance, ways and means committees of the senate and the house of representatives, the chair of the transportation and safety committee of the senate, and the chair of the transportation committee of the house of representatives. In addition, any bus rapid transit system using a separate lane, or other separate right-of-way, dedicated to the use of such bus rapid transit system on any state highway or state highway right-of-way shall be subject to the approval of the general assembly in the annual appropriations act if any state agency proposes to assist in funding the project with state or federal-aid funds; or, in the absence of any such proposed funding, the project shall be subject to

approval by the general assembly as evidenced by the passage of a joint resolution originating in either house.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2014, the public welfare requiring it.

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Senator Jim Tracy

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Representative Jeremy Durham

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Senator Frank Niceley

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Senator Charlotte Burks

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Representative Mike Turner