

1 SB151  
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8 SYNOPSIS: Under existing law, prior to the building of  
9 new toll roads, bridges, or tunnels, the Department  
10 of Transportation must advertise where the proposed  
11 toll project will be located and conduct a public  
12 hearing in each affected county.

13 This bill would require the Department of  
14 Transportation to complete an economic impact study  
15 related to the toll project prior to construction  
16 and prior to the public hearing, would require the  
17 public posting of the study, and would require that  
18 the study be transmitted to the members of the  
19 Alabama Toll Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority.  
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21 A BILL  
22 TO BE ENTITLED  
23 AN ACT  
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25 Relating to toll roads, bridges, and tunnels; to  
26 require the Department of Transportation to complete an  
27 economic impact study prior to building toll roads, bridges,

1 or tunnels; to provide for the substance of the study; to  
2 provide for the posting of the study and the transmittal of  
3 the study to the members of the Alabama Toll Road, Bridge and  
4 Tunnel Authority; and to provide for public comment on the  
5 study.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

7 Section 1. (a) Prior to building a new toll road,  
8 bridge, or tunnel or expanding capacity on any existing public  
9 road, bridge, or tunnel for tolling purposes, and prior to the  
10 public hearing required under Section 23-2-162, Code of  
11 Alabama 1975, the Department of Transportation shall complete  
12 an economic impact study.

13 (b) At a minimum, the economic impact study required  
14 under subsection (a) shall include quantitative estimates of  
15 the effect the new toll project will have on the state and  
16 local economy, including, but not limited to, the impact on  
17 all of the following:

18 (1) Existing commercial and industrial development.

19 (2) Employment.

20 (3) Future development near the project area,  
21 including consideration of locations for interchanges that  
22 will maximize opportunities for development.

23 (4) Revenues to the state and political subdivisions  
24 of the state.

25 (c) The department shall post a copy of the economic  
26 impact study on the department's public website and shall also

1 provide copies of the study to each member of the Alabama Toll  
2 Road, Bridge and Tunnel Authority.

3 (d) At the public hearing required under Section  
4 23-2-162, Code of Alabama 1975, the department shall afford  
5 the public an opportunity to comment on the results of the  
6 economic impact study.

7 Section 2. This act shall become effective  
8 immediately following its passage and approval by the  
9 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.