

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation is directed, no more than 60
3 days following enactment of reauthorization of the federal Surface Transportation
4 Program, to develop and report its recommendations on strategies, using funds available
5 to the Department, to provide matching funds so the State can leverage the maximum
6 federal and private participation in funding needed rail initiatives, such as the
7 restoration of the rail corridor from Wallace to Castle Hayne, a rail connection between
8 north-south and east-west routes in the vicinity of Pembroke, and service to the western
9 and southeastern parts of the State.

10 **SECTION 2.** The Department shall submit its report to the Joint
11 Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation or, if the General Assembly is not in
12 session, to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

13 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.