

2026 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 345

BY REPRESENTATIVE MCMAKIN

RAILROADS: Provides with respect to the Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:388.1(A)(2)(f), relative to the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure  
3 Improvement Program; to add rail infrastructure at ports as an eligible project for the  
4 program; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 48:388.1(A)(2)(f) is hereby enacted to read as follows:

7 §388.1. Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program

8 A.

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10 (2) The program shall be made available to Class II and III railroads for rail  
11 improvement needs to maintain efficient rail service on the rail network and to  
12 implement recommendations in the Louisiana Freight Mobility Plan and State Rail  
13 Plan. Eligible projects include but are not limited to:

14 \* \* \*

15 (f) Rail infrastructure at ports.

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**DIGEST**

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HB 345 Engrossed

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**Abstract:** Adds rail infrastructure at ports as an eligible project for the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program.

Present law creates the Class II and III Rail Infrastructure Improvement Program and requires the program be made available for rail improvement needs to maintain efficient rail service on the rail network and implement recommendations in the La. Freight Mobility Plan and State Rail Plan. Provides an illustrative list of eligible projects under the program.

Proposed law retains present law and adds rail infrastructure at ports as an eligible project.

(Adds R.S. 48:388.1(A)(2)(f))