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SENATE BILL 1791*

Short Title: DOT/Contracts for Prof. Engineering.-AB

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Commerce, Small Business and Entrepreneurship.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
3 CONTRACT FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR ALL
4 TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
5 JOINT LEGISLATIVE TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 136-28.1(f) reads as rewritten:

8 "(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of
9 Transportation may solicit proposals under rules and regulations adopted by the
10 Department of Transportation for all contracts for professional engineering services and
11 other kinds of professional or specialized services necessary in connection with
12 ~~highway construction, maintenance, or repair.~~ the planning, design, maintenance, repair,
13 and construction of transportation infrastructure. In order to promote engineering and
14 design quality and ensure maximum competition by professional firms of all sizes, the
15 Department may establish fiscal guidelines and limitations necessary to promote
16 cost-efficiencies in overhead, salary, and expense reimbursement rates. The right to
17 reject any and all proposals is reserved to the Board of Transportation."

18 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.