

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 139

Short Title: Single Prime/Capital Projects.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE TO COLLECT INFORMATION ON
3 CONTRACTING CAPITAL PROJECTS AND TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES
4 AND GOALS FOR USING SINGLE PRIME CONTRACTORS.
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Section 3 of Chapter 480 of the 1989 Session Laws reads as
8 rewritten:

9 "Sec. 3. The State Construction Office of the Department of Administration, the
10 Division of School Planning of the Department of Public Education, the Division of
11 Facility Services of the Department of Human Resources, the North Carolina
12 Association of County Commissioners, the North Carolina League of Municipalities,
13 the School Board Association, and the North Carolina Hospital Association shall
14 monitor and study the ~~separate-prime-separate-prime~~ and single-prime contract systems
15 in the bidding of public building projects and shall compile data on the total verifiable
16 contractual, legal, and administrative cost to the public.

17 The State Building Commission shall develop the necessary forms and procedures to
18 survey the public contracts let. The public bodies responsible for the award of contracts
19 shall submit all necessary records to the appropriate office, division, association, or
20 individual as directed by the State Building Commission. The appropriate office,
21 division, association, or individual shall maintain records of public contracts from
22 bodies under their supervision or bodies that are their members.

23 The State Building Commission shall also develop additional forms and procedures
24 to survey State agencies regarding the definitive and quantifiable impact in terms of

1 State administrative costs, litigation costs, change orders, project completion, and
2 occupancy costs resulting from using the separate-prime and single-prime contract
3 systems.

4 An executive summary of data shall be submitted to the State Building Commission
5 and such data shall be compiled and analyzed in a report to be made to the 1995 Session
6 of the General Assembly. If the State Building Commission's analysis of the data on
7 separate-prime and single-prime contracts indicates that it is financially beneficial to use
8 single-prime contracting as the primary method of contracting, the State Building
9 Commission shall recommend to the 1995 Session of the General Assembly that the
10 State use single-prime as the primary method of contracting. The State Building
11 Commission shall also identify the necessary steps, including statutory changes, that are
12 needed to increase the use of single-prime contracts."

13 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.