

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1993**

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SENATE BILL 176

Short Title: GPAC-Contracted Road Maintenance.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Government Performance Audit.

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February 16, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT A RECOMMENDATION OF THE GOVERNMENT  
2 PERFORMANCE AUDIT COMMITTEE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF  
3 TRANSPORTATION MAINTAIN ITS CURRENT MAINTENANCE STAFFING  
4 AND ACCOMPLISH THE INCREASED MAINTENANCE PROGRAM WORK  
5 LOAD THROUGH EXPANDED USE OF OUTSIDE CONTRACT FORCES.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the overall level of staffing for  
9 the Department of Transportation should be based on:

- 10 (1) The determination of resources needed to provide an acceptable level  
11 of service, accomplish the annual maintenance program efficiently,  
12 and erase the existing maintenance backlog; and  
13 (2) The determination of the most appropriate mix of contract and in-  
14 house resources.

15 As the maintenance has increased, the Department of Transportation has been  
16 able to handle a portion of the increased work through contracting. The Department of  
17 Transportation can make additional use of private contractors.

18 Sec. 2. The Department of Transportation shall report to the General  
19 Assembly, on or before November 1, 1993, a plan to maintain its current maintenance  
20 staffing and accomplish the increased maintenance program work load through  
21 expanded use of outside contract forces. The plan may include:

- 22 (1) The continued contracting out of construction activities, as well as  
23 those maintenance functions, such as mowing, roadside rest area

- 1 maintenance, building maintenance, signal installation, and signal  
2 maintenance, that it currently contracts;
- 3 (2) The contracting out of all of the Secondary Road Construction  
4 program and free up the in-house maintenance staff now performing  
5 this function to concentrate on backlogged and expanding maintenance  
6 needs; and
- 7 (3) Expanding the Department's efforts to contract out maintenance  
8 functions, by increasing the proportion of contracted work in such  
9 areas as: ditch cleaning, landscaping, and bituminous surface treatment  
10 resurfacing.
- 11 Sec. 3. This act is effective upon ratification.