

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 465

Short Title: NCDOT Engineering/Design Contracts.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Shaw of Cumberland.

Referred to: Commerce.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO
2 ESTABLISH FISCAL POLICIES FOR ENGINEERING AND DESIGN
3 CONTRACTS WHICH WILL PROMOTE ENGINEERING AND DESIGN
4 QUALITY AND ENSURE MAXIMUM COMPETITION AMONG COMPETING
5 PROFESSIONAL FIRMS.
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. G.S. 136-28.1(f) reads as rewritten:

9 "(f) The Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Department of
10 Transportation is required to may solicit proposals under rules and regulations published
11 adopted by the Department of Transportation for all contracts for professional
12 engineering services and other kinds of professional or specialized services necessary in
13 connection with highway construction, maintenance, or repair that are over ten thousand
14 dollars (\$10,000)-repair. In order to promote engineering and design quality and ensure
15 maximum competition by professional firms of all sizes, the Department may establish
16 fiscal guidelines and limitations necessary to promote cost-efficiencies in overhead,
17 salary, and expense reimbursement rates. The right to reject any and all proposals is
18 reserved to the Board of Transportation, but the Board of Transportation may consult with the
19 Advisory Budget Commission before awarding any such contract. Transportation."

20 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.