

SENATE BILL NO. 50

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 39:122(A), relative to work on projects in the annual capital outlay act; to provide relative to the commencement of work or delays in construction; to provide relative to public statements and notices of delays in construction; to provide for an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 39:122(A) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§122. Commencement of work; **delays in construction; public statement; allocated funds**

A.**(1)** No work shall commence and no contract shall be entered into for any project contained in the capital outlay act unless and until funds are available from the cash sources indicated in the act or from the sale of bonds or from a line of credit approved by the State Bond Commission, except contracts for Department of Transportation and Development projects which are subject to the provisions of R.S. 48:251(D).

**(2) State-owned projects planned for the fiscal year in which an appropriation has been funded shall be commenced in that fiscal year and the administering agencies shall diligently commence work on those projects in accordance with the provisions of the annual capital outlay act, Titles 38, 39, and 48 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and any other applicable statutory provision. If a project cannot be commenced within the fiscal year for which it is planned, the administering agency shall file with the project records a public statement as to the factors causing the delay. The administering agency shall send a copy of the public statement regarding the cause of the delay and notice when the delaying factors have been overcome, no later than the first day**

