

2023 Regular Session

HOUSE BILL NO. 11

BY REPRESENTATIVE GADBERRY

Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Provides for contract limits for projects

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 48:251(B), relative to contract limitations for certain Department  
3 of Transportation and Development projects; to increase the contract limit from five  
4 hundred thousand dollars to one million dollars for certain construction,  
5 maintenance, or improvement projects; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:251(B) is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

8 §251. Contracts for projects

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10 B. Every contract exceeding the contract limit, as defined ~~herein~~ in this  
11 Subsection, for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a department facility  
12 under the provisions of this Part shall be made in the name of the department and  
13 shall be signed by the secretary of the Department of Transportation and  
14 Development or his duly appointed designee and by the contracting party. The  
15 contract limit for this Part is hereby defined to equal ~~five hundred thousand~~ one  
16 million dollars. No such contract shall be entered into nor shall any such work be  
17 authorized which will create a liability on the part of the state in excess of the funds  
18 available or which will be available for the project.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Increases the contract limit for construction, maintenance, or improvement projects of the Department of Transportation and Development from five hundred thousand dollars to one million dollars.

Present law specifies that projects for the construction, maintenance, or improvement of highways or public facilities advertised or let by the Dept. of Transportation and Development (DOTD) can only be undertaken by contract.

Present law requires every contract that exceeds the contract limit for construction, maintenance, or improvement of a department facility under present law be made in the name of the department and signed by the secretary of the DOTD, or his designee, and the contracting party.

Present law specifies the contract limit equals \$500,000.

Proposed law modifies present law by increasing the contract limit to one million dollars.

(Amends R.S. 48:251(B))