

ACT No. 449

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1000

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AN ACT

To amend and reenact R.S. 48:229.1(F) and (H), 231(A)(5), and 251(B), relative to reform operations within the Department of Transportation and Development and the Highway Priority Program; to clarify that the annual submissions of the Highway Priority Program apply to the completed prior year's program; to specify deadlines for final construction program submission; to provide for an increase in the contract limit amount for highways or other public facilities; to provide an effective date; and to provide for related matters.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

Section 1. R.S. 48:229.1(F) and (H), 231(A)(5), and 251(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

§229.1. Statewide prioritization process for the Highway Priority Program

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F. The department shall include in its annual submission of the ~~highway priority program~~ Highway Priority Program a detailed list of any changes to the completed previous year's program, along with an explanation of the reasons such changes were made. It shall be the goal of the department to ensure that at least ninety percent of its projects in the program progress as provided for in the completed previous year's program submission. The legislative auditor shall monitor the program and make an annual determination of the percentage of accuracy.

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1 Section 2. This Act shall become effective upon signature by the governor or, if not
2 signed by the governor, upon expiration of the time for bills to become law without signature
3 by the governor, as provided in Article III, Section 18 of the Constitution of Louisiana. If
4 vetoed by the governor and subsequently approved by the legislature, this Act shall become
5 effective on the day following such approval.

SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE

GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF LOUISIANA

APPROVED: _____