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HOUSE BILL NO. 132 (Substitute for House Bill No. 12 by Representatives Quezairé and Salter)

BY REPRESENTATIVES QUEZAIRE, SALTER, AND LAMBERT

TRANSPORTATION DEPT: Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development to utilize the design-build method for certain transportation projects

1 AN ACT

2 To enact R.S. 48:250.4, relative to contracts let by the Department of Transportation and  
3 Development; to authorize the Department of Transportation and Development to  
4 utilize the design-build method to construct transportation projects under certain  
5 circumstances; and to provide for related matters.

6 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

7 Section 1. R.S. 48:250.4 is hereby enacted to read as follows:

8 §250.4. Design-build contracts; hurricane-impacted areas

9 Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the secretary of the Department of  
10 Transportation and Development, with approval of the House and Senate  
11 Transportation, Highways and Public Works Committees, may utilize the design-  
12 build method on any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a  
13 hurricane, including those areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by  
14 increased population and traffic as a result of a hurricane.

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**DIGEST**

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**Abstract:** Authorizes the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane.

Present law authorizes the secretary of DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Present law limits the department to utilizing the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), including approach structures and connecting roadways, and one additional project selected by the secretary; however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes the department to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including those areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic as a result of a hurricane.

(Adds R.S. 48:250.4)