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SENATE BILL 257: Appropriations Act of 2017, Sec. 34.13: Department of Transportation/Outsourcing and Project Delivery Reports

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| Analysis of: | Sec. 34.13 of S.L. 2017-57 | | Staff Attorney |

OVERVIEW: Section 34.13 of S.L. 2017-57 encourages the Department of Transportation (DOT) to increase its outsourcing of preconstruction activities; requires DOT to provide a biannual Outsourcing Report and an annual Project Delivery report to the General Assembly; and requires DOT to consult with the General Assembly if DOT fails to meet specified preconstruction outsourcing targets, or if specified numbers of project stages are delayed.

This section became effective July 1, 2017.

BILL ANALYSIS: Section 34.13 of S.L. 2017-57:

- encourages each Highway Division of the Department of Transportation to increase its outsourcing of preconstruction activities to private contractors to 60% of the total cost of preconstruction activities performed by the Highway Division.
- requires DOT, for each Highway Division, to provide a biannual Outsourcing Report to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee (JLTOC) by September 1 and March 1 of each year.
- requires DOT, for each Highway Division, to provide an annual Project Delivery report for specified projects. The report must include the status of the projects; an explanation for specified delays; and the planned and actual completion date for any required environmental documentation. The report must be submitted to the JLTOC by March 1 of each year.
- provides that if DOT's required reports identify a Highway Division that has failed to meet its preconstruction outsourcing target in two consecutive reports, or identifies a Highway Division as having three or more project stages delayed for more than one year, the Division Engineer of the Highway Division shall consult with the JLTOC by means of a written explanation for the failure or delay, and a plan for remedying the failure or delay.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This section became effective July 1, 2017.

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