



HOUSE BILL 620: Street Database/Manual/Public Record Except.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:		Date:	December 16, 2019
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Analysis of:	S.L. 2019-156		

OVERVIEW: S.L. 2019-156:

- *Requires the North Carolina Department of Transportation (DOT) to compile a readily available Public Street Information Database.*
- *Requires the DOT to update its Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards Manual.*
- *Amends the public records law to designate proprietary design work, work product, and certain intra-agency communications as confidential during a DOT competitive bid process.*

This act became effective July 22, 2019.

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

Public Street Information Database. – This act requires the DOT to compile a readily available "Public Street Information Database" by January 1, 2020, and requires monthly updates to convey information regarding the status of certain roads, which are:

- Federally owned.
- State-maintained with a State road number assigned.
- State-owned with a State road number assigned.

Subdivision Road Construction Manual Update. – This act requires the DOT to update the Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards Manual by July 1, 2020, and regularly thereafter, and report updates to the Manual to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

DOT Bidding Document Confidentiality. - Currently, Chapter 132 of the General Statutes outlines what is considered a public record, and also designates certain documents and information as confidential information, which is not subject to disclosure under public records laws.

This act amends the public records law to designate proprietary design work, work product, and intra-agency communications related to review of a proposal by DOT as confidential information during the competitive bid process. These documents will remain confidential during the competitive bid process and will be subject to disclosure upon contract award.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act became effective July 22, 2019.

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