



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

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## OVERVIEW: *House Bill 620 would:*

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

[As introduced, this bill was identical to S480, as introduced by Sens. McInnis, J. Davis, D. Davis, which is currently in Senate Transportation.]

## CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

**Section 1** would require the NCDOT to compile a readily available "Public Street Information Database" by January 1, 2020, which would be updated monthly and 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.

**Section 2** would require the NCDOT to update the Subdivision Roads Minimum Construction Standards Manual by July 1, 2020, and regularly thereafter, and to report updates to the Manual to the Joint Legislative Transportation Oversight Committee.

## **Section 3:**

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.

Section 3 would amend the public records law to designate proprietary design work, work product, and intra-agency communications related to review of a proposal as confidential information during the competitive bid process. These documents would only remain confidential during the competitive bid process and would be subject to disclosure upon contract award.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would become effective when it becomes law.

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