



# HOUSE BILL 735: Minimum Contracts/Coastal Dredging Services.

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<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Agriculture, Energy, and Environment.	<b>Date:</b>	June 29, 2021
	If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate		
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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 735 would exempt contracts for dredging services in the State's coastal waters from the requirement that a government entity receive three competitive bids for construction or repair work estimated to cost \$500,000 or more.*

## CURRENT LAW & BILL ANALYSIS:

G.S. 143-129 prohibits any board or governing body of the State, or any institution of the State government, or any political subdivision of the State from awarding a contract for construction or repair work requiring the expenditure of public money equal to or more than \$500,000 unless certain procedures for bidding, advertisement, and letting of public contracts are met.

G.S. 143-132 prohibits any board or governing body of the State, or any subdivision thereof, from awarding a contract for construction or repair work estimated to cost \$500,000 or more unless at least three competitive bids have been received from reputable and qualified contractors regularly engaged in their respective lines of endeavor. The three-bid requirement does not apply to contracts which are negotiated pursuant to G.S. 143-129.

**House Bill 735** would provide that the three-bid requirement in G.S. 143-132 would not apply to contracts for dredging services in the State's coastal waters.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law and would apply to bids received on or after that date.

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