

The Senate Committee on Transportation offered the following substitute to SB 366:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Code Section 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to  
2 exemptions from requirements of state agencies relative to the selection of and contracts with  
3 providers of professional services, so as to provide for an alternative selection process for the  
4 Department of Transportation; to provide for related matters; to repeal conflicting laws; and  
5 for other purposes.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

8 Code Section 50-22-7 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to exemptions  
9 from requirements of state agencies relative to the selection of and contracts with providers  
10 of professional services, is amended by adding a new subsection to read as follows:

11 "(e) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, the Department of  
12 Transportation may utilize an alternative method to the selection process provided for in  
13 this chapter. Such alternative method shall allow the Department of Transportation to  
14 select three or more persons qualified to provide professional services for a project and  
15 accept proposals of the cost to provide such professional services from such persons. Upon  
16 receipt of the proposals, the Department of Transportation may enter into a contract with  
17 the person that submitted the lowest priced proposal or negotiate a lower contract price  
18 with such person. If no contract is entered into with the person who submitted the lowest  
19 priced proposal, the Department of Transportation shall attempt to enter into a contract  
20 with the person that submitted the next lowest priced proposal. If no contract is entered  
21 into with the person that submitted the next lowest priced proposal, the Department of  
22 Transportation may begin the selection process again as provided for by this subsection."

**SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.