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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2016

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RELATING TO HIGHWAYS - CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE OF STATE  
ROADS

Introduced By: Representatives Solomon, Coughlin, Casey, and Morin

Date Introduced: February 12, 2016

Referred To: House Finance

It is enacted by the General Assembly as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 24-8 of the General Laws entitled "Construction and Maintenance  
2 of State Roads" is hereby amended by adding thereto the following section:

3 **24-8-45. Central registry of contracting opportunities for construction and**  
4 **maintenance of state roads. -- (a) The director of the department of transportation shall publish**  
5 **and maintain on the department's website a central registry of all proposals and contracts awarded**  
6 **pursuant to §§24-8-12 or 24-8-22 when the proposal or contract is estimated to be in excess of**  
7 **one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000). Notices published in the central registry shall include,**  
8 **but not be limited to:**

9 (1) Invitations issued pursuant to the advertisement for bids under §§24-8-12 and 24-8-22  
10 with an estimated contract cost in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).

11 (2) Contract awards and the identification of the contractor awarded the contract pursuant  
12 to §§24-8-12 and 24-8-22 with an estimated contract cost in excess of one hundred thousand  
13 dollars (\$100,000), and any and all subcontractors shall be included in the placement of the  
14 contract award.

15 (3) Any and all dates included in the contract as conditions to either start, progress or  
16 complete any project contracted for, and to complete or repair the road construction or  
17 improvement within the specified time.

18 (b) Every thirty (30) days after the award of any contract pursuant to §§24-8-12 or 24-8-

1 22 the director of the department of transportation shall publish on the department's website an  
2 update of any contract awarded which shall include:  
3 (1) Any delays in the start, progress or completion of any contract award; or  
4 (2) Any cost overages which are in excess of any award amount.  
5 (c) The director shall promulgate rules and regulations necessary to implement the  
6 provisions of this section in accordance with the provisions of chapter 35 of title 42 (the  
7 "administrative procedures act").

8 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon passage.

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EXPLANATION  
BY THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
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1           This act would require the department of transportation to publish on its website the  
2 award of contracts and information related thereto for the construction and maintenance of state  
3 roads and bridges where the cost is in excess of \$100,000, as well as the estimated total amount of  
4 the contract and any dates relative to starting or completing the project contracted for.

5           This act would take effect upon passage.

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