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DIGEST

SB 37 Engrossed

2020 Second Extraordinary Session

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Proposed law provides that upon funds becoming available for a Dept. of Transportation and Development project in the capital outlay act, the secretary shall cause the work described in the contract to be commenced immediately and expeditiously.

Proposed law provides that if a project cannot be commenced within the fiscal year for which it is planned to commence, the secretary shall file with the project records a public statement as to the factors causing the delay. The secretary shall send a copy of the public statement regarding the cause of the delay and notice when the delaying factors have been overcome semi-annually, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay and to each senator and representative in whose district the project is located. Further provides that when the cause of the delay has been cured, the secretary shall commence work on the project immediately and expeditiously.

Effective upon signature of the governor or lapse of time for gubernatorial action.

(Adds R.S. 48:58)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Finance to the original bill

1. Provides that if a project cannot be commenced within the fiscal year for which it is planned to commence, the secretary shall file with the project records a public statement as to the factors causing the delay.
2. Requires the secretary to send a copy of the public statement regarding the cause of the delay and notice when the delaying factors have been overcome, semi-annually, to the Joint Legislative Committee on Capital Outlay and to each senator and representative in whose district the project is located.
3. Provides that when the cause of the delay has been cured, the secretary shall commence work on the project immediately and expeditiously.