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DIGEST

Ellington (SB 56)

Present law authorizes the secretary of DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to implement a pilot program to evaluate the cost-effectiveness of combining the design and construction phases of a transportation facility, including but not limited to highways, interchanges, or bridges into a single contract.

Proposed law deletes the department to utilizing the design-build method to construct the new Mississippi River Bridge at St. Francisville (connection to US 61), including approach structures and connecting roadways, and one additional project selected by the secretary; however, the cost of the additional project shall not exceed \$5 million.

Proposed law retains present law but additionally authorizes DOTD, with approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic due to a hurricane.

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

(Adds R.S. 48:250.4)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by Senate

Committee Amendments Proposed by Senate Committee on Transportation, Highways and Public Works to the original bill.

1. Retains present law provisions relative to the administration of design-build contracts by DOTD.
2. Authorizes DOTD, with the approval of the House and Senate transportation committees, to utilize the design-build method for any transportation infrastructure project in an area impacted by a hurricane, including areas where infrastructure is adversely impacted by increased population and traffic due to a hurricane.