

Senate Bill 599

By: Senator Price of the 56th

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

To amend Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts for public works, Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bidding on public works, and Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state purchasing, so as to prohibit the state or a governmental entity contracting for public works construction from requiring a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or handler to become a party to any labor agreement as a condition of bidding, negotiating regarding bids, being awarded a contract, or working on a public works project; to repeal conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

**SECTION 1.**

Chapter 10 of Title 13 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to contracts for public works, is amended by inserting a new Code section to be designated Code Section 13-10-3 to read as follows:

"13-10-3.

The state shall not require that a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier engaged in the performance of any public works construction become a party to any project labor agreement, collective bargaining agreement, prehire agreement, or any other agreement with employees, their representatives, or any labor organization as a condition of bidding or submitting proposals for a public works construction, negotiating with the public entity regarding such proposal, being awarded a contract for performance, or performing work on a contract for a public works project."

**SECTION 2.**

Chapter 91 of Title 36 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to bidding on public works, is amended in Code Section 36-91-21, relating to competitive award requirements, by striking subsections (f) and (g) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

1 "(f) The governmental entity that contracts for public works construction shall not require  
2 that a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier engaged in the performance  
3 of such public works construction execute or otherwise become a party to any project labor  
4 agreement, collective bargaining agreement, prehire agreement, or any other agreement  
5 with employees, their representatives, or any labor organization as a condition of bidding  
6 or submitting proposals for such public works construction, negotiating with the  
7 governmental entity regarding such proposal, being awarded a contract for performance,  
8 or performing work on a public works project.

9 (g) If any member of a governmental entity lets out any public works construction contract  
10 subject to the requirements of this article and receives, takes, or contracts to receive or take,  
11 either directly or indirectly, any part of the pay or profit arising out of any such contract,  
12 he or she shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

13 ~~(g)~~(h) No public works construction contract with a governing authority shall be valid for  
14 any purpose unless the contractor shall comply with all bonding requirements of this  
15 chapter. No such contract shall be valid if any governmental entity lets out any public  
16 works construction contract subject to the requirements of this chapter without complying  
17 with the requirements of this chapter."

### 18 SECTION 3.

19 Article 3 of Chapter 5 of Title 50 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to state  
20 purchasing, is amended by striking Code Section 50-5-72, relating to the role of the  
21 Department of Administrative Services with regard to state public works contracts, and  
22 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

23 "50-5-72.

24 (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part or any other law dealing with the  
25 subject matter contained in this Code section to the contrary, all construction or public  
26 works contracts, exceeding a total expenditure of \$100,000.00, of any department, board,  
27 bureau, commission, office, or agency of the state government, except as provided in this  
28 Code section, shall be conducted and negotiated by the Department of Administrative  
29 Services in accordance with this part; provided, however, that any expenditure of less than  
30 \$100,000.00 shall still be subject to review and approval by the Department of  
31 Administrative Services, which may approve noncompetitive expenditures of up to  
32 \$100,000.00. All advertising costs incurred in connection with such contracts shall be  
33 borne by and paid from the funds appropriated to and available to the department, board,  
34 bureau, commission, office, or agency of the state government for which the contract is  
35 negotiated. The commissioner of administrative services is authorized and directed to

1 promulgate such rules and regulations as shall carry out the additional duties and  
2 responsibilities placed upon the department by this Code section.

3 (b) The state shall not require that a contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or  
4 carrier engaged in the performance of any public works construction become a party to any  
5 project labor agreement, collective bargaining agreement, prehire agreement, or any other  
6 agreement with employees, their representatives, or any labor organization as a condition  
7 of bidding or submitting proposals for a public works construction, negotiating with the  
8 public entity regarding such proposal, being awarded a contract for performance, or  
9 performing work on a contract for a public works project.

10 (c) Nothing contained in this Code section shall apply to or affect the Department of  
11 Transportation, the several public authorities of this state, including the Stone Mountain  
12 Memorial Association and the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia, or  
13 the expenditure of money credited to the account of this state in the Unemployment Trust  
14 Fund by the secretary of the treasury of the United States pursuant to Section 903 of the  
15 Social Security Act and appropriated as provided in Code Section 34-8-85. No contract in  
16 existence on March 18, 1964, shall be affected by this Code section and such contract may  
17 continue to be utilized."

#### 18 **SECTION 4.**

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