Senate Bill 366
By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Cowsert of the 46th, Williams of the 19th, Hill of the 4th, Shafer of the 48th and others

AS PASSED SENATE

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

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

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

SECTION 1.

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

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

SECTION 2.

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.