

Senate Bill 366

By: Senators Gooch of the 51st, Cowser 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

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

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

7 **SECTION 1.**

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

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

23 **SECTION 2.**

24 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.