

By: Turner of Collin

H.B. No. 36

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT

relating to the elimination of certain limitations on design-build contracts for transportation infrastructure projects to increase efficiency in transportation infrastructure funding.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF TEXAS:

SECTION 1. Subchapter F, Chapter 223, Transportation Code, is amended by adding Section 223.251 to read as follows:

Sec. 223.251. TRANSFER OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR DESIGN-BUILD CONTRACTS. To pay for design-build contracts under this subchapter, the department may transfer appropriated amounts between appropriations items listed under the bill pattern of the department in the General Appropriations Act related to transportation planning, transportation improvements, and preserving the transportation system without Legislative Budget Board or gubernatorial approval otherwise required by the General Appropriations Act if:

(1) the total amount of transfers from an item does not exceed 50 percent of the appropriated amount to the item for the fiscal year; and

(2) the department determines that the expenditure of transferred amounts will result in an overall savings in the cost of the contract over the life of the project.

SECTION 2. Sections 223.242(d) and (d-1), Transportation Code, are repealed.

1 SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives
2 a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as
3 provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this
4 Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this
5 Act takes effect on the 91st day after the last day of the
6 legislative session.