By the Committee on Appropriations; and Senator Clary

	309-531-02
1	A bill to be entitled
2	An act relating to construction of
3	transportation facilities; amending s. 337.107,
4	F.S.; allowing the Department of
5	Transportation, until July 1, 2003, to include
6	right-of-way services as part of design-build
7	contracts; amending s. 337.11, F.S.;
8	broadening, until July 1, 2003, the list of
9	transportation projects that may be awarded as
10	design-build contracts; specifying that
11	construction of any portion of a project under
12	a design-build contract may not begin until
13	title to the necessary rights-of-way and
14	easements for that portion has vested in the
15	state or a local governmental entity and all
16	railroad crossing and utility agreements have
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19	Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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21	Section 1. Section 337.107, Florida Statutes, is
22	amended to read:
23	337.107 Contracts for right-of-way servicesThe
24	department may enter into contracts pursuant to s. 287.055 for
25	right-of-way services on transportation corridors and
26	transportation facilities, or the department may include
27	right-of-way services as part of design-build contracts
28	awarded pursuant to s. 337.11. Right-of-way services include
29	negotiation and acquisition services, appraisal services,
30	demolition and removal of improvements, and asbestos-abatement
31	services.

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           Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section
   337.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
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           337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;
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   emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;
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   combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;
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   records; requirements of vehicle registration .--
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           (7)(a) If the head of the department determines that
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   it is in the best interests of the public, the department may
    combine the right-of-way services and design and construction
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   phases of any a building, a major bridge, or a rail corridor
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   project into a single contract, except for a resurfacing or
   minor bridge project the right-of-way services and design and
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   construction phases of which may be combined under s. 337.025.
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   Such contract is referred to as a design-build contract.
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   Design-build contracts may be advertised and awarded
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   notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (3)(c). However,
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   construction activities may not begin on any portion of such
   projects for which the department has not yet obtained title
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   until title to the necessary rights-of-way and easements for
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    the construction of that portion of the project has vested in
    the state or a local governmental entity and all railroad
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   crossing and utility agreements have been executed. Title to
   rights-of-way shall be deemed to have vested in the state when
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   the title has been dedicated to the public or acquired by
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   prescription.
           Section 3. Effective July 1, 2003, section 337.107,
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   Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:
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           337.107 Contracts for right-of-way services.--The
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   department may enter into contracts pursuant to s. 287.055 for
   right-of-way services on transportation corridors and
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31 transportation facilities, or the department may include
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right-of-way services as part of design-build contracts awarded pursuant to s. 337.11. Right-of-way services include negotiation and acquisition services, appraisal services, demolition and removal of improvements, and asbestos-abatement services.

Section 4. Effective July 1, 2003, paragraph (a) of subsection (7) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, is amended to read:

337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids; emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders; combined design and construction contracts; progress payments; records; requirements of vehicle registration .--

(7)(a) If the head of the department determines that it is in the best interests of the public, the department may combine the right-of-way services and design and construction phases of a building, a major bridge, or a rail corridor any project into a single contract, except for a resurfacing or minor bridge project the right-of-way services and design and construction phases of which may be combined under s. 337.025. Such contract is referred to as a design-build contract. Design-build contracts may be advertised and awarded notwithstanding the requirements of paragraph (3)(c). However, construction activities may not begin on any portion of such projects for which the department has not yet obtained title until title to the necessary rights-of-way and easements for the construction of that portion of the project has vested in the state or a local governmental entity and all railroad crossing and utility agreements have been executed. Title to rights-of-way shall be deemed to have vested in the state when the title has been dedicated to the public or acquired by 31 prescription.

Section 5. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law. STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR Senate Bill 24-BProvides for the repeal of the provisions made in the act on June 30,2003.