

1                                   A bill to be entitled  
 2           An act relating to public works projects; amending s.  
 3           255.0992, F.S.; revising the definition of the term  
 4           "public works project" to include activities paid for  
 5           with local funds; revising applicability of a  
 6           provision that prohibits the state or a political  
 7           subdivision that contracts for a public works project  
 8           from taking certain actions; providing an effective  
 9           date.

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11 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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13           Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (1) and paragraph  
 14           (a) of subsection (2) of section 255.0992, Florida Statutes, are  
 15           amended to read:

16           255.0992 Public works projects; prohibited governmental  
 17           actions.—

18           (1) As used in this section, the term:

19           (b) "Public works project" means an activity that is paid  
 20           for with any local or state-appropriated funds and that consists  
 21           of the construction, maintenance, repair, renovation,  
 22           remodeling, or improvement of a building, road, street, sewer,  
 23           storm drain, water system, site development, irrigation system,  
 24           reclamation project, gas or electrical distribution system, gas  
 25           or electrical substation, or other facility, project, or portion

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26 | thereof owned in whole or in part by any political subdivision.

27 |       (2) Except as required by federal or state law, the state  
28 | or any political subdivision that contracts for a public works  
29 | project may not take the following actions:

30 |       (a) Prevent a certified, licensed, or registered  
31 | contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier, from  
32 | participating in the bidding process based on the geographic  
33 | location of the company headquarters or offices of the  
34 | contractor, subcontractor, or material supplier or carrier  
35 | submitting a bid on a public works project or the residences of  
36 | employees of such contractor, subcontractor, or material  
37 | supplier or carrier. This paragraph does not apply to a  
38 | political subdivision that contracts for a public works project  
39 | for which the political subdivision is the sole source of  
40 | funding.

41 |       Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.