By the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Lynn

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A bill to be entitled 2 An act relating to contracts of the Department 3 of Transportation; creating s. 337.183, F.S.; creating dispute review boards to hear claims 4 5 arising out of department construction 6 contracts and recommend resolutions prior to 7 submitting claims to arbitration; providing an 8 effective date. 9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: 10 11 12 Section 1. Section 337.183, Florida Statutes, is 13 created to read: 337.183 Dispute review boards.--To further facilitate 14 the prompt settlement of claims arising out of construction 15 16 contracts between the department and the contractors with whom 17 it transacts business and as a preliminary stage before 18 invocation of the services of the State Arbitration Board under s. 337.185, a dispute review board shall be convened to 19 examine such claims and recommend a solution to the parties. A 20 21 dispute review board shall be composed of one member chosen by 22 the department, one member chosen by the contractor, and one 23 member chosen by the other two. Proceedings of a dispute review board are open to the public, and notice must be given 2.4 to the local jurisdiction in which the contract work is 25 26 performed. The board shall review the contract and any documentation relating to the contract and may hear testimony 27 2.8 from any party to the contract or from the local jurisdiction in which the contract work is performed. If the parties do not 29 accept the recommendation of the board, the dispute shall 30 proceed to arbitration under s. 337.185.

1	Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.
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3	STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
4	COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR <u>Senate Bill 2488</u>
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6	This CS amends s. 337.183, F.S., to delete the requirement for a representative of local government to be a member of the
7	dispute review board. The CS requires the local government to
8	be notified of the board's proceedings and allows the local government to testify to the board.
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