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Substitute Amendment for Amendment (659785) (with title amendment)

Remove lines 29-32 and insert:

Section 1. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section 255.05, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (h) is added to subsection (1) of that section, to read:

255.05 Bond of contractor constructing public buildings; form; action by claimants.—

(1) A person entering into a formal contract with the state or any county, city, or political subdivision thereof, or other public authority or private entity, for the construction

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of a public building, for the prosecution and completion of a public work, or for repairs upon a public building or public work shall be required, before commencing the work or before recommencing the work after a default or abandonment, to execute and record in the public records of the county where the improvement is located, a payment and performance bond with a surety insurer authorized to do business in this state as surety. A public entity may not require a contractor to secure a surety bond under this section from a specific agent or bonding company.

(h) For any public construction, repair, or works project with a bond as required by this section, excluding projects under chapter 337, the amount of retainage withheld by a public entity pursuant to s. 218.735 or s. 255.078 may not exceed 5 percent. This paragraph shall not apply to any construction services project advertised for bid by the public entity or local governmental entity on or before October 1, 2019.

TITLE AMENDMENT

Remove line 3 and insert:

255.05, F.S.; providing a cap on certain retainage amounts; providing applicability; requiring a notice of nonpayment to be

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