

1 A bill to be entitled
 2 An act relating to transportation facility
 3 contractors; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; authorizing
 4 the Department of Transportation to enter into certain
 5 construction, maintenance, and operation agreements;
 6 specifying that contractors that construct
 7 transportation facilities pursuant to the Florida
 8 Transportation Code do not act on behalf of the
 9 department for purposes of public records
 10 requirements; providing an effective date.

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

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 14 **Section 1. Subsection (13) of section 334.044, Florida**
 15 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

16 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The
 17 department shall have the following general powers and duties:

18 (13) (a) To plan proposed transportation facilities as part
 19 of the State Highway System;~~and to construct, maintain, and~~
 20 operate such facilities; and to enter into agreements with
 21 qualified contractors to construct, maintain, and operate such
 22 facilities.

23 (b) A contractor that constructs transportation facilities
 24 pursuant to the Florida Transportation Code does not act on
 25 behalf of the department within the meaning of s. 24, Art. I of

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26 | the State Constitution, chapter 119, or public records laws
27 | derived from judicial decisions.

28 | **Section 2.** This act shall take effect July 1, 2025.