

Stricken language would be deleted from and underlined language would be added to present law.
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A Bill

SENATE BILL 632

By: Senator J. Dismang

For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, AND
DISCLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC OF INFORMATION CONCERNING
CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS AS ESTABLISHED BY LAW;
AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Subtitle

TO REQUIRE TRANSPARENCY, REPORTING, AND
DISCLOSURE TO THE PUBLIC OF INFORMATION
CONCERNING CERTAIN CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS
AS ESTABLISHED BY LAW.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. Legislative Findings.

The General Assembly finds that:

(1) The residents of Arkansas depend on the state's highway system and the efficient completion of public road construction projects by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department;

(2) The department currently provides information on the progress of certain public road construction projects on its website;

(3) The motoring public expects the department to communicate the progress of major public road construction projects which tend to take more time to complete; and

(4) Construction project information signs will alleviate the stress caused by major public road construction projects by providing progress updates to the motoring public.



SECTION 2. Arkansas Code Title 27, Chapter 67, Subchapter 2, is amended to add an additional section to read as follows:

27-67-226. Construction project information signs.

(a) As used in this section:

(1) "Construction project information sign" means temporary signs placed at the beginning and end of a public road construction project informing motorists of the:

(A) Public road construction project start date and estimated date of completion; and

(B) Job number assigned to the public road construction project; and

(2) "Public road construction project" means the construction, restoration, reconstruction, renovation, or repair of a road, highway, bridge, overpass, interchange, or right-of-way in which the construction, restoration, reconstruction, renovation, or repair is to be performed or is initiated by the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department or the State Highway Commission.

(b) The department shall erect appropriate construction project information signs:

(1) At least thirty (30) days before the first day of the public road construction project start date;

(2) For each public road construction project of ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) or more; and

(3) In accordance with the rules governing informational signs placed on the highway by the department.

(c) The department, using the job number listed on the construction project information sign erected under subsection (b) of this section shall post on the department's website specific public road construction project details, including without limitation the:

(1) Start date and estimated date of completion;

(2) Total cost of the contract awarded;

(3) Name of each contractor performing the public road construction project; and

(4) The number of days the contractor is ahead of or behind schedule.

(d) The department may promulgate rules for the administration and

implementation of this section.

/s/J. Dismang

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