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# A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1605

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## For An Act To Be Entitled

AN ACT TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-GENERAL CONTRACTOR METHOD OF PROCUREMENT PILOT PROGRAM; TO MAKE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-GENERAL CONTRACTOR METHOD OF PROCUREMENT PROGRAM PERMANENT FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION; TO REPEAL THE REQUIREMENT FOR AN INDEPENDENT CONSULTANT STUDY OF THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-GENERAL CONTRACTOR METHOD OF PROCUREMENT; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

## Subtitle

TO AMEND THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-GENERAL CONTRACTOR METHOD OF PROCUREMENT PILOT PROGRAM TO TO MAKE THE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER-GENERAL CONTRACTOR METHOD OF PROCUREMENT PROGRAM PERMANENT FOR THE STATE HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

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

SECTION 1. Arkansas Code § 19-11-1401 is amended to read as follows:  
19-11-1401. Title.

This subchapter shall be known and may be cited as the "Construction Manager-General Contractor Method of Procurement ~~Pilot~~ Program".

SECTION 2. Arkansas Code § 19-11-1404 is amended to read as follows:  
19-11-1404. Construction Manager-General Contractor Method of Procurement ~~Pilot~~ Program – Creation.



~~(a) The State Highway Commission may develop a Construction Manager-General Contractor Method of Procurement Pilot Program to test the utilization of the construction manager general contractor method as a cost-effective option for constructing transportation projects.~~

~~(b)(1)(A) For the first phase of the program, the commission may select a total of five (5) transportation projects on which to utilize the construction manager general contractor method.~~

~~(B)(i) The sum of the construction cost estimates prepared as required under § 19-11-1407 of all five (5) construction manager general contractor method transportation projects selected under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall not exceed two hundred million dollars (\$200,000,000).~~

~~(ii) A construction cost estimate of a construction manager general contractor method transportation project selected under subdivision (b)(1)(A) of this section shall not exceed one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000).~~

~~(2)(A) For the second phase of the program, beginning on August 1, 2023, the commission may select a total of five (5) additional transportation projects that are not currently in the procurement process on which to utilize the construction manager general contractor method.~~

~~(B)(i) The sum of the construction cost estimates prepared as required under § 19-11-1407 of all five (5) construction manager general contractor method transportation projects selected under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall not exceed five hundred million dollars (\$500,000,000).~~

~~(ii) A construction cost estimate of a construction manager general contractor method transportation project selected under subdivision (b)(2)(A) of this section shall not exceed one hundred fifty million dollars (\$150,000,000).~~

~~(c) The Director of State Highways and Transportation shall send written notice identifying the transportation project and the reasons for deciding to apply the construction manager general contractor method to that specific transportation project to:~~

~~(1) The Chair of the House Committee on Public Transportation;~~  
and

~~(2) The Chair of the Senate Committee on Public Transportation,~~

~~Technology, and Legislative Affairs.~~

~~(d) The program established under this subchapter shall terminate no later than June 30, 2026.~~

(b) The commission may use the Construction Manager-General Contractor Method of Procurement Program for any transportation project for which the construction cost estimate prepared under § 19-11-1407 does not exceed three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000).

SECTION 3. Uncodified Acts 2023, No. 823, § 3, is repealed.

~~SECTION 3. DO NOT CODIFY. Study of benefits and costs.~~

~~(a) The Director of the Arkansas Department of Transportation shall provide an independent consultant study that compares the benefits and costs for projects using the construction manager-general contractor method of procurement versus the traditional design build delivery method of procurement.~~

~~(b) The study required under subsection (a) of this section shall be submitted to the Arkansas Legislative Audit for review.~~

**APPROVED: 3/18/25**