

Regular Session, 2014

SENATE BILL NO. 393

BY SENATOR CHABERT

TRANSPORTATION/DEV DEPT. Provides relative to the composition, purposes, and functions of the Department of Transportation and Development. (8/1/14)

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 36:501(B) and (C) and 507(B), relative to the Department of
3 Transportation and Development; to provide for the composition, purposes, and
4 functions of the department; and to provide for related matters.

5 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

6 Section 1. R.S. 36:501(B) and (C) and 507(B) are hereby amended and reenacted to
7 read as follows:

8 §501. Department of Transportation and Development; creation; domicile;
9 composition; purposes and functions

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11 B. The ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **department**,
12 through its offices and officers, shall be responsible for developing and
13 implementing programs to assure adequate, safe, and efficient transportation and
14 other public works facilities and services in the state in accordance with the transfer
15 of agencies and functions made by this Chapter. The department shall develop and
16 implement programs in all areas of transportation, including highways, airports,
17 waterways, flood protection, and mass transit, as well as public works activities, in

1 accordance with such transfers.

2 C.(1) The ~~Department of Transportation and Development~~ **department** shall
3 be composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and
4 finance, the office of engineering, the office of multimodal planning, the office of
5 operations, and such other offices as shall be created by law.

6 (2) Whenever the secretary determines that the administration of the
7 functions of the department may be more efficiently performed by eliminating,
8 merging, or consolidating existing offices or establishing new offices, he shall
9 present a plan therefor to the legislature for its approval by **statute law**.

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11 §507. Department; purposes and functions

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13 B. The secretary, or in his discretion a subordinate or subordinates appointed
14 by him, shall administer the programs of the state relating to the establishment,
15 design, construction, extension, improvement, repair, maintenance, and regulation
16 of roads, highways, expressways, bridges, and **related** matters ~~pertaining thereto~~.
17 The secretary, or his designated subordinate, shall develop, prepare, and finalize the
18 annual highway construction program authorized by ~~Act 334 of 1974~~ **R.S. 48:228**
19 **through 233**.

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The original instrument and the following digest, which constitutes no part
of the legislative instrument, were prepared by Jerry J. Guillot.

DIGEST

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Present law provides relative to DOTD. Provides the department, through its offices and officers, shall be responsible for developing and implementing programs to assure adequate, safe, and efficient transportation and other public works facilities and services in the state in accordance with the transfer of agencies and functions made by present law. Provides that the department shall develop and implement programs in all areas of transportation, including highways, airports, waterways, flood protection, and mass transit, as well as public works activities, in accordance with such transfers.

Present law provides that the department shall be composed of the executive office of the secretary, the office of management and finance, the office of engineering, the office of multimodal planning, the office of operations, and such other offices as shall be created by

law. Further provides that whenever the secretary determines that the administration of the functions of the department may be more efficiently performed by eliminating, merging, or consolidating existing offices or establishing new offices, he shall present a plan therefor to the legislature for its approval by statute.

Present law provides that the secretary, or in his discretion a subordinate or subordinates appointed by him, shall administer the programs of the state relating to the establishment, design, construction, extension, improvement, repair, maintenance, and regulation of roads, highways, expressways, bridges, and related matters pertaining thereto. The secretary, or his designated subordinate, shall develop, prepare, and finalize the annual highway construction program.

Proposed law makes technical revisions. Otherwise retains present law.

Effective August 1, 2014.

(Amends R.S. 36:501(B) and (C) and 507(B))