

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1030

Short Title: Public Contract Disputes.

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Sponsors: Senator Miller.

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Referred to: State Government, Local Government, and Personnel.

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April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR PROJECT EXPEDITERS ON PUBLIC CONTRACTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. G.S. 143-128(e) reads as rewritten:

"(e) Project expediter; ~~scheduling~~; ~~scheduling~~; public body to resolve project disputes. – The State, county, municipality, or other public body may, if specified in the bid documents, provide for assignment of responsibility for expediting the work on the project to a single responsible and reliable person, firm or corporation, which may be a prime contractor. In executing this responsibility, the designated project expediter may recommend to the State, county, municipality, or other public body whether payment to a contractor should be approved. The project expediter, if required by the contract documents, shall be responsible for the preparation of the project schedule and shall allow all contractors and subcontractors performing any of the branches of work listed in subsection (d) of this section equal input into the preparation of the initial schedule. Notwithstanding an assignment of responsibility for expediting the work, whenever separate contracts are awarded and separate contractors engaged for a project pursuant to this section, the State, county, or municipality or other public body shall issue decisions and directives concerning the work of the separate contractors and any project disputes between them. These decisions and directives shall be made and issued promptly so as

- 1 not to delay the progress of the project and shall be binding on the separate contractors  
2 during the project's construction."  
3           Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.