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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 department
17 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
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.