

By Senator Cowin

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A bill to be entitled  
An act relating to metropolitan planning organizations; amending s. 339.175, F.S.; authorizing additional voting members for certain metropolitan planning organizations and providing requirements with respect thereto; providing an effective date.

Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

Section 1. Paragraph (e) is added to subsection (2) of section 339.175, Florida Statutes, to read:

339.175 Metropolitan planning organization.--It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and promote the safe and efficient management, operation, and development of surface transportation systems that will serve the mobility needs of people and freight within and through urbanized areas of this state while minimizing transportation-related fuel consumption and air pollution. To accomplish these objectives, metropolitan planning organizations, referred to in this section as M.P.O.'s, shall develop, in cooperation with the state and public transit operators, transportation plans and programs for metropolitan areas. The plans and programs for each metropolitan area must provide for the development and integrated management and operation of transportation systems and facilities, including pedestrian walkways and bicycle transportation facilities that will function as an intermodal transportation system for the metropolitan area. The process for developing such plans and programs shall provide for consideration of all modes of transportation and shall be continuing, cooperative, and comprehensive, to the degree

1 appropriate, based on the complexity of the transportation  
2 problems to be addressed.

3 (2) VOTING MEMBERSHIP.--

4 (e) Any other provision of this section to the  
5 contrary notwithstanding, an M.P.O. whose jurisdiction  
6 encompasses all of three counties may have a total of 21  
7 voting members, which shall include officials of agencies  
8 created by statute or under the authority of a municipal  
9 charter that operate or administer a major mode of  
10 transportation by air, without regard to whether such agencies  
11 are under the jurisdiction of a general-purpose local  
12 government.

13 Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
14 law.

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17 HOUSE SUMMARY

18 Authorizes metropolitan planning organizations that  
19 encompass all of three counties to have 21 voting  
20 members, including officials of specified air  
21 transportation agencies.  
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