

Amendment No. ____ (for drafter's use only)

	<u>Senate</u>	CHAMBER ACTION	<u>House</u>
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11 Representative(s) Johnson offered the following:

13 **Amendment to Senate Amendment (554292) (with title**
14 **amendment)**

15 On page 1, line 17, through page 9, line 1,
16 remove from the amendment: all of said lines

18 and insert in lieu thereof:

19 Section 1. High-Speed Rail Commission created.--

20 (1) The High-Speed Rail Commission is created within
21 the Legislature. The commission shall consist of 10 members to
22 be appointed as follows:

23 (a) The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
24 appoint two members from among the members of the House of
25 Representatives.

26 (b) The President of the Senate shall appoint two
27 members from among the members of the Senate.

28 (c) The Governor shall appoint five members in the
29 following manner: one member shall be a developer; one member
30 shall be an expert in the field of transportation; one member
31 shall be an expert in the field of bond finance; and two

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1 members shall represent the business community.

2 (d) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation
3 shall serve as an ex officio, nonvoting member of the
4 commission.

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6 The commission shall elect a chair and a vice chair from its
7 membership at its first meeting.

8 (2) The commission shall be appointed no later than
9 June 1, 2001, and its first meeting shall be no later than
10 June 15, 2001. The commission shall meet periodically at the
11 request of the chair.

12 (3) Members of the commission shall serve without
13 compensation, except for per diem and reimbursement for travel
14 expenses as provided by s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

15 (4) A vacancy in the commission shall be filled within
16 30 days after its occurrence in the same manner as the
17 original appointment.

18 (5)(a) The Department of Transportation shall serve as
19 primary staff to the commission, providing technical and
20 administrative assistance and ensuring that commission
21 meetings are electronically recorded. Such recordings shall be
22 preserved pursuant to chapters 119 and 257, Florida Statutes.

23 (b) The Florida Transportation Commission, the
24 Department of Community Affairs, and the Department of
25 Environmental Protection shall, at the commission's request,
26 provide technical, scientific, or other assistance.

27 (c) The commission may request that the Office of
28 Legislative Services provide administrative support to assist
29 the commission in its efforts.

30 (6) The commission shall study and make
31 recommendations on:

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1 (a) The total cost of the high-speed rail project,
2 which includes the costs of rights-of-way and improvements;
3 the rolling stock and other equipment necessary to build and
4 operate a high-speed rail system; system design, engineering,
5 and construction; the use of existing rail; annual operation
6 and maintenance; and all other associated expenses. Such costs
7 should be based, where applicable and appropriate, on
8 demonstrated expenditures for similar projects.

9 (b) The feasibility of technology to be used for the
10 development of the high-speed rail.

11 (c) The route to be used for phase 1 of the high-speed
12 rail, including the names of at least two cities between which
13 the route would be constructed.

14 (d) Funding sources, including federal and local
15 funds, private investment, revenue generated by ridership,
16 cargo, or other users, franchise fees and licenses, lease
17 fees, and other reasonably potential sources of funds.

18 (e) The format and types of information that must be
19 included in a financial or business plan for the high-speed
20 rail system.

21 (f) The commission is tasked with providing the
22 documentation necessary to seek and obtain federal funding in
23 order to build a high-speed rail system in Florida.

24 (g) The possibility and costs of using existing rail.

25 (h) Any other issues the commission deems relevant to
26 the development of a high-speed rail system.

27 (7) The commission shall prepare a report of its
28 findings and recommendations and submit the report to the
29 Governor, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
30 President of the Senate on or before January 1, 2002. The
31 report also may include suggested legislation. The commission

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1 is dissolved at the time it submits its report.

2 Section 2. The Department of Transportation is
3 directed to begin, as soon as possible, collecting and
4 organizing existing research, studies, and reports on
5 high-speed rail systems, in preparation for the commission's
6 first meeting.

7 Section 3. There is appropriated from the State
8 Transportation Trust Fund to the High-Speed Rail Commission
9 the sum of \$4.5 million for the purpose of conducting the
10 study described in section 1.

11 Section 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a
12 law.

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16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 remove: the entire title

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19 and insert in lieu thereof:

20 A bill to be entitled
21 An act relating to high-speed rail; creating
22 the High-Speed Rail Commission; providing for
23 membership and appointment; providing for
24 staff; providing for duties of the commission;
25 providing for dissolution of the commission
26 upon submission of a required report; directing
27 the Department of Transportation to begin
28 collecting and organizing existing data on
29 high-speed rail systems; providing an
30 appropriation; providing an effective date.

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