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Senator Laurent moved the following **amendment to amendment**
(405274):

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

On page 1, between lines 16 and 17,

insert:

Section 1. Section 341.8201, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

341.8201 Short title.--Sections 341.8201-341.843 may
be cited as the "Florida High-Speed Rail Authority Act."

Section 2. Section 341.8202, Florida Statutes, is
created to read:

341.8202 Legislative findings, policy, purpose, and
intent.--

(1) The intent of this act is to implement the purpose
of s. 19, Art. X of the State Constitution, which directs the
Legislature, the Cabinet and the Governor to proceed with the
development, either by the state or an approved private
entity, of a high-speed monorail, fixed guideway, or magnetic
levitation system, capable of speeds in excess of 120 miles

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1 per hour. The development of such a system, which will link
2 Florida's five largest urban areas as defined in this act,
3 includes acquisition of right-of-way and the financing of
4 design and construction with construction beginning on or
5 before November 1, 2003. Further, this act promotes the
6 various growth management and environmental protection laws
7 enacted by the Legislature and encourages and enhances the
8 establishment of a high-speed rail system. The Legislature
9 further finds that:

10 (a) The implementation of a high-speed rail system in
11 the state will result in overall social and environmental
12 benefits, improvements in ambient air quality, better
13 protection of water quality, greater preservation of wildlife
14 habitat, less use of open space, and enhanced conservation of
15 natural resources and energy.

16 (b) A high-speed rail system, when developed in
17 conjunction with sound land use planning, becomes an integral
18 part in achieving growth management goals and encourages the
19 use of public transportation to augment and implement land use
20 and growth management goals and objectives.

21 (c) Development and utilization of a properly
22 designed, constructed, and financed high-speed rail system and
23 associated development can act as a catalyst for economic
24 growth and development, mitigate unduly long and
25 traffic-congested commutes for day-to-day commuters, create
26 new employment opportunities, serve as a positive growth
27 management system for building a better and more
28 environmentally secure state, and serve a paramount public
29 purpose by promoting the health, safety, and welfare of the
30 citizens of the state.

31 (d) Transportation benefits of a high-speed rail

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1 system include improved travel times and more reliable travel,
2 which will increase productivity and energy efficiency in the
3 state.

4 (2) The Legislature further finds that:

5 (a) Access to timely and efficient modes of passenger
6 transportation is necessary for travelers, visitors, and
7 day-to-day commuters, to the quality of life in the state, and
8 to the economy of the state.

9 (b) Technological advances in the state's
10 transportation system can significantly and positively affect
11 the ability of the state to attract and provide efficient
12 services for domestic and international tourists and therefore
13 increase revenue of the state.

14 (c) The geography of the state is suitable for the
15 construction and efficient operation of a high-speed rail
16 system.

17 (d) The public use of the high-speed rail system must
18 be encouraged and assured in order to achieve the public
19 purpose and objectives set forth in this act. In order to
20 encourage the public use of the high-speed rail system and to
21 protect the public investment in the system, it is necessary
22 to provide an environment surrounding each high-speed rail
23 station which will allow the development of associated
24 development for the purpose of creating revenue in support of
25 and for the high-speed rail system, enhance the safe movement
26 of pedestrians and traffic into and out of the area, ensure
27 the personal safety of high-speed rail system and related
28 facility users and their personal property while the users are
29 in the area of each station, and eliminate all conditions in
30 the vicinity which constitute economic and social impediments
31 and barriers to the use of the high-speed rail system and

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1 associated development.

2 (e) Areas surrounding certain proposed high-speed rail
3 stations can, as a result of existing conditions, crime, and
4 traffic congestion, pose a serious threat to the use of the
5 high-speed rail system, reduce revenue from users, discourage
6 pedestrian and traffic ingress and egress, retard sound growth
7 and development, impair public investment, and consume an
8 excessive amount of public revenues in the employment of
9 police and other forms of public protection to adequately
10 safeguard the high-speed rail system and its users. Such areas
11 may require redevelopment, acquisition, clearance, or
12 disposition, or joint public and private development to
13 provide parking facilities, retail establishments,
14 restaurants, hotels, or office facilities associated with or
15 ancillary to the high-speed rail system and rail stations and
16 to otherwise provide for an environment that will encourage
17 the use of, and safeguard, the system.

18 (f) The powers conferred by this act are for public
19 uses and purposes as established by s. 19, Art. X of the State
20 Constitution for which public funds may be expended, and the
21 necessity in the public interest for the provisions herein
22 enacted is hereby declared as a matter of legislative
23 determination to implement the intent of s. 19, Art. X of the
24 State Constitution.

25 (g) Urban and social benefits include revitalization
26 of economically depressed areas, the redirection of growth in
27 a carefully and comprehensively planned manner, and the
28 creation of numerous employment opportunities within
29 inner-city areas.

30 (h) The provisions contained in this act are a
31 declaration of legislative intent that the state develop a

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1 high-speed rail system to help solve transportation problems
2 and eliminate their negative effect on the citizens of this
3 state, and therefore serves a public purpose.

4 (i) Joint development is a necessary planning,
5 financing, management, operation, and construction mechanism
6 to ensure the continued future development of an efficient and
7 economically viable high-speed rail system in this state.

8 (3) It is the intent of the Legislature to authorize
9 the authority to implement innovative mechanisms required to
10 effect the joint public-private venture approach to planning,
11 locating, permitting, managing, financing, constructing,
12 operating, and maintaining a high-speed rail system for the
13 state, including providing incentives for revenue generation,
14 operation, construction, and management by the private sector.

15 Section 3. Section 341.8203, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 341.8203 Definitions.--As used in this act, unless the
18 context clearly indicates otherwise, the term:

19 (1) "Associated development" means property,
20 equipment, buildings, or other ancillary facilities which are
21 built, installed, or established to provide financing,
22 funding, or revenues for the planning, building, managing, and
23 operation of a high-speed rail system and which are associated
24 with or part of the rail stations. The term includes property,
25 including air rights, necessary for joint development, such as
26 parking facilities, retail establishments, restaurants,
27 hotels, offices, or other commercial, civic, residential, or
28 support facilities, and may also include property necessary to
29 protect or preserve the rail station area by reducing urban
30 blight or traffic congestion or property necessary to
31 accomplish any of the purposes set forth in this subsection

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1 which are reasonably anticipated or necessary.

2 (2) "Authority" means the Florida High-Speed Rail
3 Authority and its agents.

4 (3) "Central Florida" means the counties of Lake,
5 Seminole, Orange, Osceola, Citrus, Sumter, Volusia, Brevard,
6 Hernando, Pasco, Hillsborough, Pinellas, and Polk.

7 (4) "DBOM contract" means the document and all
8 concomitant rights approved by the authority providing the
9 selected person or entity the exclusive right to design,
10 build, operate, and maintain a high-speed rail system.

11 (5) "DBOM & F contract" means the document and all
12 concomitant rights approved by the authority providing the
13 selected person or entity the exclusive right to design,
14 build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed rail
15 system.

16 (6) "High-speed rail system" means any high-speed
17 fixed guideway system for transporting people or goods, which
18 system is capable of operating at speeds in excess of 120
19 miles per hour, including, but not limited to, a monorail
20 system, dual track rail system, suspended rail system,
21 magnetic levitation system, pneumatic repulsion system, or
22 other system approved by the authority. The term includes a
23 corridor and structures essential to the operation of the
24 line, including the land, structures, improvements,
25 rights-of-way, easements, rail lines, rail beds, guideway
26 structures, stations, platforms, switches, yards, parking
27 facilities, power relays, switching houses, rail stations,
28 associated development, and any other facilities or equipment
29 used or useful for the purposes of high-speed rail system
30 design, construction, operation, maintenance, or the financing
31 of the high-speed rail system.

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1 (7) "Joint development" means the planning, managing,
2 financing, or constructing of projects adjacent to,
3 functionally related to, or otherwise related to a high-speed
4 rail system pursuant to agreements between any person, firm,
5 corporation, association, organization, agency, or other
6 entity, public or private.

7 (8) "Northeast Florida" means the counties of Nassau,
8 Duval, Clay, St. Johns, Putnam, Alachua, Marion, and Flagler.

9 (9) "Northwest Florida" means the counties of
10 Escambia, Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Holmes, Washington,
11 Jackson, Gadsden, Bay, Calhoun, Liberty, Gulf, Franklin, Leon,
12 Jefferson, Madison, Wakulla, Taylor, Hamilton, Suwannee,
13 Columbia, Baker, Union, Lafayette, Gilchrist, Dixie, Bradford,
14 and Levy.

15 (10) "Rail station," "station," or "high-speed rail
16 station" means any structure or transportation facility that
17 is part of a high-speed rail system designed to accommodate
18 the movement of passengers from one mode of transportation to
19 another at which passengers board or disembark from
20 transportation conveyances and transfer from one mode of
21 transportation to another.

22 (11) "Selected person or entity" means the person or
23 entity to whom the authority awards a contract under s.
24 341.834 to establish a high-speed rail system pursuant to this
25 act.

26 (12) "Southeast Florida" means the counties of
27 Broward, Monroe, Miami-Dade, Indian River, St. Lucie, Martin,
28 Okeechobee, and Palm Beach.

29 (13) "Southwest Florida" means the counties of
30 Manatee, Hardee, DeSoto, Sarasota, Highlands, Charlotte,
31 Glades, Lee, Hendry, and Collier.

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1 (14) "Urban areas" means Central Florida, Northeast
2 Florida, Northwest Florida, Southeast Florida, and Southwest
3 Florida.

4 Section 4. Section 341.821, Florida Statutes, is
5 amended to read:

6 341.821 Florida High-Speed Rail Authority.--

7 (1) There is created and established a body politic
8 and corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the
9 "Florida High-Speed Rail Authority," hereinafter referred to
10 as the "authority."

11 (2)(a) The governing board of the authority shall
12 consist of nine voting members appointed as follows:

13 1. Three members shall be appointed by the Governor,
14 one of whom must have a background in the area of
15 environmental concerns, one of whom must have a legislative
16 background, and one of whom must have a general business
17 background.

18 2. Three members shall be appointed by the President
19 of the Senate, one of whom must have a background in civil
20 engineering, one of whom must have a background in
21 transportation construction, and one of whom must have a
22 general business background.

23 3. Three members shall be appointed by the Speaker of
24 the House of Representatives, one of whom must have a legal
25 background, one of whom must have a background in financial
26 matters, and one of whom must have a general business
27 background.

28 (b) The appointed members shall not be subject to
29 confirmation by the Senate. The initial term of each member
30 appointed by the Governor shall be for 4 years. The initial
31 term of each member appointed by the President of the Senate

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1 shall be for 3 years. The initial term of each member
2 appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
3 be for 2 years. Succeeding terms for all members shall be for
4 terms of 4 years. ~~Initial appointments must be made within 30~~
5 ~~days after the effective date of this act.~~

6 (c) A vacancy occurring during a term shall be filled
7 by the respective appointing authority in the same manner as
8 the original appointment and only for the balance of the
9 unexpired term. An appointment to fill a vacancy shall be made
10 within 60 days after the occurrence of the vacancy.

11 (d) The Secretary of Transportation shall be a
12 nonvoting ex officio member of the board.

13 (e) The board shall elect one of its members as chair
14 of the authority. The chair shall hold office at the will of
15 the board. Five members of the board shall constitute a
16 quorum, and the vote of five members shall be necessary for
17 any action taken by the authority. The authority may meet upon
18 the constitution of a quorum. No vacancy in the authority
19 shall impair the right of a quorum of the board to exercise
20 all rights and perform all duties of the authority.

21 (f) The members of the board shall not be entitled to
22 compensation but shall be entitled to receive their travel and
23 other necessary expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

24 (3) Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, it
25 shall not be or constitute a conflict of interest for a person
26 having a background specified in this section to serve as a
27 member of the authority. However, in each official decision to
28 which this act is applicable, such member's firm or related
29 entity may not have a financial or economic interest nor shall
30 the authority contract with or conduct any business with a
31 member or such member's firm or directly related business

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1 entity.

2 (4) The authority shall be assigned to the Department
3 of Transportation for administrative purposes. The authority
4 shall be a separate budget entity. The Department of
5 Transportation shall provide administrative support and
6 service to the authority to the extent requested by the chair
7 of the authority. The authority shall not be subject to
8 control, supervision, or direction by the Department of
9 Transportation in any manner, including, but not limited to,
10 personnel, purchasing, transactions involving real or personal
11 property, and budgetary matters.

12 Section 5. Section 341.822, Florida Statutes, is
13 amended to read:

14 341.822 Powers and duties.--

15 (1) The authority created and established by this act
16 shall locate, plan, design, finance, construct, maintain, own,
17 operate, administer, and manage the ~~preliminary engineering~~
18 ~~and preliminary environmental assessment of the intrastate~~
19 ~~high-speed rail system in the state., hereinafter referred to~~
20 ~~as "intrastate high-speed rail."~~

21 (2) The authority may exercise all powers granted to
22 corporations under the Florida Business Corporation Act,
23 chapter 607, except the authority may only not incur debt in
24 accordance with levels authorized by the Legislature.

25 (3) The authority shall have perpetual succession as a
26 body politic and corporate.

27 (4) The authority is authorized to seek and obtain
28 federal matching funds or any other funds to fulfill the
29 requirements of this act either directly or through the
30 Department of Transportation.

31 (5) The authority may employ an executive director.

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1 ~~permanent or temporary~~, as it may require and shall determine
2 the qualifications and fix the compensation. The authority may
3 delegate to one or more of its agents or employees such of its
4 power as it deems necessary to carry out the purposes of this
5 act, subject always to the supervision and control of the
6 authority.

7 Section 6. Section 341.823, Florida Statutes, is
8 amended to read:

9 341.823 Criteria for assessment and recommendations.--

10 (1) The following criteria shall apply to the
11 establishment of the high-speed rail system in developing the
12 preliminary engineering, preliminary environmental assessment,
13 and recommendations required by this act:

14 (a) The system shall be capable of traveling speeds in
15 excess of 120 miles per hour consisting of dedicated rails or
16 guideways separated from motor vehicle traffic;

17 (b) The initial segments of the system will be
18 developed and operated between the St. Petersburg area, the
19 Tampa area, and the Orlando area, with future service to the
20 Miami area;

21 (c) The authority is to develop a program model that
22 uses, to the maximum extent feasible, nongovernmental sources
23 of funding for the design, construction, maintenance, and
24 operation, and financing of the system;

25 (2) The authority shall establish requirements ~~make~~
26 ~~recommendations~~ concerning:

27 (a) The format and types of information that must be
28 included in a financial or business plan for the high-speed
29 rail system, and the authority may develop that financial or
30 business plan;

31 (b) The preferred routes between the cities and urban

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1 areas designated in accordance with s. 341.8203 in paragraph
2 ~~(1)(b);~~

3 (c) The preferred locations for the stations in the
4 cities and urban areas designated in accordance with s.
5 341.8203 in paragraph (1)(b);

6 (d) The preferred locomotion technology to be employed
7 ~~from constitutional choices of monorail, fixed guideway, or~~
8 ~~magnetic levitation; and~~

9 ~~(e) Any changes that may be needed in state statutes~~
10 ~~or federal laws which would make the proposed system eligible~~
11 ~~for available federal funding; and~~

12 ~~(e)(f)~~ Any other issues the authority deems relevant
13 to the development of a high-speed rail system.

14 (3) The authority shall develop a marketing plan, a
15 detailed planning-level ridership study, and an estimate of
16 the annual operating and maintenance cost for the system and
17 all other associate expenses.

18 ~~(3) When preparing the operating plan, the authority~~
19 ~~shall include:~~

20 ~~(a) The frequency of service between the cities~~
21 ~~designated in paragraph (1)(b);~~

22 ~~(b) The proposed fare structure for passenger and~~
23 ~~freight service;~~

24 ~~(c) Proposed trip times, system capacity, passenger~~
25 ~~accommodations, and amenities;~~

26 ~~(d) Methods to ensure compliance with applicable~~
27 ~~environmental standards and regulations;~~

28 ~~(e) A marketing plan, including strategies that can be~~
29 ~~employed to enhance the utilization of the system;~~

30 ~~(f) A detailed planning-level ridership study;~~

31 ~~(g) Consideration of nonfare revenues that may be~~

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1 ~~derived from:~~
2 1. ~~The sale of development rights at the stations;~~
3 2. ~~License, franchise, and lease fees;~~
4 3. ~~Sale of advertising space on the trains or in the~~
5 ~~stations; and~~
6 4. ~~Any other potential sources deemed appropriate.~~
7 ~~(h) An estimate of the total cost of the entire~~
8 ~~system, including, but not limited to, the costs to:~~
9 1. ~~Design and build the stations and monorail, fixed~~
10 ~~guideway, or magnetic levitation system;~~
11 2. ~~Acquire any necessary rights-of-way;~~
12 3. ~~Purchase or lease rolling stock and other equipment~~
13 ~~necessary to build, operate, and maintain the system.~~
14 ~~(i) An estimate of the annual operating and~~
15 ~~maintenance costs for the system and all other associated~~
16 ~~expenses.~~
17 ~~(j) An estimate of the value of assets the state or~~
18 ~~its political subdivisions may provide as in-kind~~
19 ~~contributions for the system, including rights-of-way,~~
20 ~~engineering studies performed for previous high-speed rail~~
21 ~~initiatives, land for rail stations and necessary maintenance~~
22 ~~facilities, and any expenses that may be incurred by the state~~
23 ~~or its political subdivisions to accommodate the installation~~
24 ~~of the system.~~
25 ~~(k) An estimate of the funding required per year from~~
26 ~~state funds for the next 30 years for operating the preferred~~
27 ~~routes between the cities designated in paragraph (1)(b).~~
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29 ~~Whenever applicable and appropriate, the authority will base~~
30 ~~estimates of projected costs, expenses, and revenues on~~
31 ~~documented expenditures or experience derived from similar~~

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1 ~~projects.~~

2 Section 7. Section 341.824, Florida Statutes, is
3 amended to read:

4 341.824 Technical, scientific, or other assistance.--

5 (1) The Florida Transportation Commission, the
6 Department of Community Affairs, and the Department of
7 Environmental Protection shall, at the authority's request,
8 provide technical, scientific, or other assistance.

9 (2) The Department of Community Affairs shall, if
10 requested, provide assistance to local governments in
11 analyzing the land use and comprehensive planning aspects of
12 the high-speed rail system. The Department of Community
13 Affairs shall assist the authority with the resolution of any
14 conflicts between the system and adopted local comprehensive
15 plans.

16 (3) The Department of Environmental Protection shall,
17 if requested, provide assistance to local governments and
18 other permitting agencies in analyzing the environmental
19 aspects of the high-speed rail system. The Department of
20 Environmental Protection shall assist the authority and the
21 contractor in expediting the approval of the necessary
22 environmental permits for the system.

23 Section 8. Section 341.827, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 341.827 Service areas; segment designation.--

26 (1) The authority shall determine in which order the
27 service areas, as designated by the Legislature, will be
28 served by the high-speed rail system.

29 (2) The authority shall plan and develop the
30 high-speed rail system so that construction proceeds as
31 follows:

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1 (a) The initial segments of the system shall be
2 developed and operated between the St. Petersburg area, the
3 Tampa area, the Lakeland/Winter Haven area, and the Orlando
4 area, with future service to the Miami area.

5 (b) Construction of subsequent segments of the
6 high-speed rail system shall connect the metropolitan areas of
7 Port Canaveral/Cocoa Beach, Ft. Pierce, West Palm Beach, Ft.
8 Lauderdale, Daytona Beach, St. Augustine, Jacksonville, Ft.
9 Myers/Naples, Sarasota/Bradenton, Gainesville/Ocala,
10 Tallahassee, and Pensacola.

11 (c) Selection of segments of the high-speed rail
12 system to be constructed subsequent to the initial segments of
13 the system shall be prioritized by the authority, giving
14 consideration to the demand for service, financial
15 participation by local governments, financial participation by
16 the private sector, and the available financial resources of
17 the authority.

18 Section 9. Section 341.828, Florida Statutes, is
19 created to read:

20 341.828 Permitting.--

21 (1) The authority, for the purposes of permitting, may
22 utilize one or more permitting processes provided for in
23 statute, including, but not limited to, the metropolitan
24 planning organization long-range transportation planning
25 process as defined in s. 339.175 (6) and (7), in conjunction
26 with the Department of Transportation's work program process
27 as defined in s. 339.135, or any permitting process now in
28 effect or that may be in effect at the time of permitting and
29 will provide the most timely and cost-effective permitting
30 process.

31 (2) The authority shall work in cooperation with

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1 metropolitan planning organizations in areas where the
2 high-speed rail system will be located. The metropolitan
3 planning organizations shall cooperate with the authority and
4 include the high-speed rail system alignment within their
5 adopted long-range transportation plans and transportation
6 improvement programs for the purposes of providing public
7 information, consistency with the plans, and receipt of
8 federal and state funds by the authority to support the
9 high-speed rail system.

10 (3) For purposes of selecting a route alignment, the
11 authority may use the project development and environment
12 study process, including the efficient transportation
13 decisionmaking system process as adopted by the Department of
14 Transportation.

15 Section 10. Section 341.829, Florida Statutes, is
16 created to read:

17 341.829 Conflict prevention, mitigation, and
18 resolution.--

19 (1) The authority, in conjunction with the Executive
20 Office of the Governor, the Department of Community Affairs,
21 and the Department of Environmental Protection, shall develop
22 and implement, within 180 days after the effective date of
23 this act, a process to prevent, mitigate, and resolve, to the
24 maximum extent feasible, any conflicts or potential conflicts
25 of a high-speed rail system with growth management
26 requirements and environmental standards.

27 (2) Any person who disagrees with the alignment
28 decision must file a complaint with the authority within 20
29 days after the authority's final adoption of the alignment.

30 (3) The authority must respond to any timely filed
31 complaint within 60 days after the complaint is filed with the

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1 authority.

2 Section 11. Section 341.830, Florida Statutes, is
3 created to read:

4 341.830 Procurement.--

5 (1) The authority may employ procurement methods under
6 chapters 255, 287, and 337 and under any rule adopted under
7 such chapters. To enhance the effective and efficient
8 operation of the authority, and to enhance the ability of the
9 authority to use best business practices, the authority may,
10 pursuant to ss. 120.536(1) and 120.54, adopt rules for and
11 employ procurement methods available to the private sector.

12 (2) The authority is authorized to procure commodities
13 and the services of a qualified person or entity to design,
14 build, finance, operate, maintain, and implement a high-speed
15 rail system, including the use of a DBOM or DBOM & F method
16 using a request for proposal, a request for qualifications, or
17 an invitation to negotiate.

18 Section 12. Section 341.831, Florida Statutes, is
19 created to read:

20 341.831 Prequalification.--

21 (1) The authority may prequalify interested persons or
22 entities prior to seeking proposals for the design,
23 construction, operation, maintenance, and financing of the
24 high-speed rail system. The authority may establish qualifying
25 criteria that may include, but not be limited to, experience,
26 financial resources, organization and personnel, equipment,
27 past record or history of the person or entity, ability to
28 finance or issue bonds, and ability to post a construction or
29 performance bond.

30 (2) The authority may establish the qualifying
31 criteria in a request for qualification without adopting the

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1 qualifying criteria as rules.

2 Section 13. Section 341.832, Florida Statutes, is
3 created to read:

4 341.832 Request for qualifications.--

5 (1) The authority is authorized to develop and execute
6 a request for qualifications process to seek a person or
7 entity to design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a
8 high-speed rail system. The authority may issue multiple
9 requests for qualifications. The authority shall develop
10 criteria for selection of a person or entity that shall be
11 included in any request for qualifications.

12 (2) The authority may issue a request for
13 qualifications without adopting a rule.

14 Section 14. Section 341.833, Florida Statutes, is
15 created to read:

16 341.833 Request for proposals.--

17 (1) The authority is authorized to develop and execute
18 a request for proposals process to seek a person or entity to
19 design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a high-speed
20 rail system. The authority may issue multiple requests for
21 proposals. The authority shall develop criteria for selection
22 of a person or entity that shall be included in any request
23 for proposals.

24 (2) In the request for proposals, the authority shall
25 specify the minimum period of time for the contract duration.
26 A person or entity may propose a longer period of time for the
27 contract and provide justification of the need for an extended
28 contract period. If the authority extends the time period for
29 the contract, such time period shall be extended for all
30 persons or entities if so requested.

31 Section 15. Section 341.834, Florida Statutes, is

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1 created to read:

2 341.834 Award of contract.--

3 (1) The authority may award a contract subject to such
4 terms and conditions, including, but not limited to,
5 compliance with any applicable permitting requirements, and
6 any other terms and conditions the authority considers
7 appropriate.

8 (2) The contract shall authorize the contractor to
9 provide service between stations as established by the
10 contract. The contractor shall coordinate its facilities and
11 services with passenger rail providers, commuter rail
12 authorities, and public transit providers to provide access to
13 and from the high-speed rail system.

14 (3) The contractor shall not convey, lease, or
15 otherwise transfer any high-speed rail system property, any
16 interest in such property, or any improvement constructed upon
17 such property without written approval of the authority.

18 Section 16. Section 341.835, Florida Statutes, is
19 created to read:

20 341.835 Acquisition of property; rights-of-way;
21 disposal of land.--

22 (1) The authority may purchase, lease, exchange, or
23 otherwise acquire any land, property interests, or buildings
24 or other improvements, including personal property within such
25 buildings or on such lands, necessary to secure or utilize
26 rights-of-way for existing, proposed, or anticipated
27 high-speed rail system facilities.

28 (2) Title to any property acquired in the name of the
29 authority shall be administered by the authority under such
30 terms and conditions as the authority may require.

31 (3) When the authority acquires property for a

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1 high-speed rail system, or any related or ancillary
2 facilities, by purchase or donation, it is not subject to any
3 liability imposed by chapter 376 or chapter 403 for
4 preexisting soil or groundwater contamination due solely to
5 its ownership. This section does not affect the rights or
6 liabilities of any past or future owners of the acquired
7 property, nor does it affect the liability of any governmental
8 entity for the results of its actions which create or
9 exacerbate a pollution source. The authority and the
10 Department of Environmental Protection may enter into
11 interagency agreements for the performance, funding, and
12 reimbursement of the investigative and remedial acts necessary
13 for property acquired by the authority.

14 (4) In acquiring property or property rights for any
15 high-speed rail system or related or ancillary facilities, the
16 authority may acquire an entire lot, block, or tract of land
17 if the interests of the public will be best served by such
18 acquisition, even though the entire lot, block, or tract is
19 not immediately needed for the right-of-way proper or for the
20 specific related or ancillary facilities.

21 (5) The authority, by resolution, may dispose of any
22 interest in property acquired pursuant to this section on
23 terms and conditions the authority deems appropriate.

24 (6) The authority and its employees and agents shall
25 have the right to enter upon properties which may be
26 determined to be necessary for the construction,
27 reconstruction, relocation, maintenance, and operation of a
28 proposed high-speed rail system and associated development and
29 related or ancillary facilities as described in subsection (1)
30 for the purposes of surveying and soil and environmental
31 testing.

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1 (7) The authority is authorized to accept donations of
2 real property from public or private entities for the purposes
3 of implementing a high-speed rail system.

4 Section 17. Section 341.836, Florida Statutes, is
5 created to read:

6 341.836 Associated development.--

7 (1) The authority, alone or as part of a joint
8 development, may undertake development of associated
9 developments to be a source of revenue for the establishment,
10 construction, operation, or maintenance of the high-speed rail
11 system. Such associated developments must be associated with
12 a rail station and have pedestrian ingress to and egress from
13 the rail station; be consistent, to the extent feasible, with
14 applicable local government comprehensive plans and local land
15 development regulations; and otherwise be in compliance with
16 the provisions of this act.

17 (2) This act does not prohibit the authority, the
18 selected person or entity, or a party to a joint venture with
19 the authority or its selected person or entity from obtaining
20 approval, pursuant to any other law, for any associated
21 development that is reasonably related to the high-speed rail
22 system.

23 Section 18. Section 341.837, Florida Statutes, is
24 created to read:

25 341.837 Payment of expenses.--All expenses incurred in
26 carrying out the provisions of this act shall be payable
27 solely from funds provided under the authority of this act, or
28 from other legally available sources.

29 Section 19. Section 341.838, Florida Statutes, is
30 created to read:

31 341.838 Rates, rents, fees, and charges.--

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1 (1) The authority is authorized to fix, revise,
2 charge, and collect rates, rents, fees, charges, and revenues
3 for the use of and for the services furnished, or to be
4 furnished, by the system and to contract with any person,
5 partnership, association, corporation, or other body, public
6 or private, in respect thereof. Such rates, rents, fees, and
7 charges shall be reviewed annually by the authority and may be
8 adjusted as set forth in the contract setting such rates,
9 rents, fees, or charges. The funds collected hereunder shall,
10 with any other funds available, be used to pay the cost of all
11 administrative expenses of the authority, and the cost of
12 designing, building, operating, and maintaining the system and
13 each and every portion thereof, to the extent that the payment
14 of such cost has not otherwise been adequately provided for.

15 (2) Rates, rents, fees, and charges fixed, revised,
16 charged, and collected pursuant to this section shall not be
17 subject to supervision or regulation by any department,
18 commission, board, body, bureau, or agency of this state other
19 than the authority.

20 Section 20. Section 341.839, Florida Statutes, is
21 created to read:

22 341.839 Alternate means.--The foregoing sections of
23 this act shall be deemed to provide an additional and
24 alternative method for accomplishing the purposes authorized
25 therein, and shall be regarded as supplemental and additional
26 to powers conferred by other laws. Except as otherwise
27 expressly provided in this act, none of the powers granted to
28 the authority under the provisions of this act shall be
29 subject to the supervision or require the approval or consent
30 of any municipality or political subdivision or any
31 commission, board, body, bureau, or official.

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1 Section 21. Section 341.840, Florida Statutes, is
2 created to read:

3 341.840 Tax exemption.--The exercise of the powers
4 granted by this act will be in all respects for the benefit of
5 the people of this state, for the increase of their commerce,
6 welfare, and prosperity, and for the improvement of their
7 health and living conditions, and as the design, building,
8 operation, maintenance, and financing of a system by the
9 authority or its agent or the owner or lessee thereof, as
10 herein authorized, constitutes the performance of an essential
11 public function, neither the authority, its agent, nor the
12 owner of such system shall be required to pay any taxes or
13 assessments upon or in respect to the system or any property
14 acquired or used by the authority, its agent, or such owner
15 under the provisions of this act or upon the income therefrom,
16 any security therefor, their transfer, and the income
17 therefrom, including any profit made on the sale thereof,
18 shall at all times be free from taxation of every kind by the
19 state, the counties, and the municipalities and other
20 political subdivisions in the state.

21 Section 22. Section 341.841, Florida Statutes, is
22 created to read:

23 341.841 Report; audit.--The authority shall prepare an
24 annual report of its actions, findings, and recommendations
25 and submit the report to the Governor, the President of the
26 Senate, and the Speaker of the House of Representatives on or
27 before January 1. The authority shall provide for an annual
28 financial audit, as defined in s. 11.45, of its accounts and
29 records conducted by an independent certified public
30 accountant. The audit report shall include a management letter
31 as defined in s. 11.45. The cost of the audit shall be paid

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1 from funds available to the authority pursuant to this act.

2 Section 23. Section 341.842, Florida Statutes, is
3 created to read:

4 341.842 Liberal construction.--This act, being
5 necessary for the welfare of the state and its inhabitants,
6 shall be liberally construed to effect the purposes hereof.

7 Section 24. Subsection (10) of section 288.109,
8 Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

9 288.109 One-Stop Permitting System.--

10 (10) Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
11 administrative rule to the contrary, the fee imposed by a
12 state agency or water management district for issuing a
13 development permit shall be waived for a 6-month period
14 beginning on the date the state agency or water management
15 district begins accepting development permit applications over
16 the Internet and the applicant submits the development permit
17 to the agency or district using the One-Stop Permitting
18 System. The 6-month fee waiver shall not apply to development
19 permit fees assessed by the Electrical Power Plant Siting Act,
20 ss. 403.501-403.519; the Transmission Line Siting Act, ss.
21 403.52-403.5365; the statewide Multi-purpose Hazardous Waste
22 Facility Siting Act, ss. 403.78-403.7893; and the Natural Gas
23 Pipeline Siting Act, ss. 403.9401-403.9425; ~~and the High Speed~~
24 ~~Rail Transportation Siting Act, ss. 341.3201-341.386.~~

25 Section 25. Subsection (6) of section 334.30, Florida
26 Statutes, is amended to read:

27 334.30 Private transportation facilities.--The
28 Legislature hereby finds and declares that there is a public
29 need for rapid construction of safe and efficient
30 transportation facilities for the purpose of travel within the
31 state, and that it is in the public's interest to provide for

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1 the construction of additional safe, convenient, and
2 economical transportation facilities.

3 (6) ~~Notwithstanding s. 341.327,~~A fixed-guideway
4 transportation system authorized by the department to be
5 wholly or partially within the department's right-of-way
6 pursuant to a lease granted under s. 337.251 may operate at
7 any safe speed.

8 Section 26. Subsection (9) of section 337.251, Florida
9 Statutes, is amended to read:

10 337.251 Lease of property for joint public-private
11 development and areas above or below department property.--

12 (9) ~~Notwithstanding s. 341.327,~~A fixed-guideway
13 transportation system authorized by the department to be
14 wholly or partially within the department's right-of-way
15 pursuant to a lease granted under this section may operate at
16 any safe speed.

17 Section 27. Section 341.501, Florida Statutes, is
18 amended to read:

19 341.501 High-technology transportation systems; joint
20 project agreement or assistance.--Notwithstanding any other
21 provision of law, the Department of Transportation may enter
22 into a joint project agreement with, or otherwise assist,
23 private or public entities, or consortia thereof, to
24 facilitate the research, development, and demonstration of
25 high-technology transportation systems, including, but not
26 limited to, systems using magnetic levitation technology. ~~The~~
27 ~~provisions of the Florida High-Speed Rail Transportation Act,~~
28 ~~ss. 341.3201-341.386, do not apply to actions taken under this~~
29 ~~section, and~~ The department may, subject to s. 339.135,
30 provide funds to match any available federal aid for
31 effectuating the research, development, and demonstration of

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1 high-technology transportation systems.
2 Section 28. Sections 341.3201, 341.321, 341.322,
3 341.325, 341.327, 341.329, 341.331, 341.332, 341.3331,
4 341.3332, 341.3333, 341.3334, 341.3335, 341.3336, 341.3337,
5 341.3338, 341.3339, 341.334, 341.335, 341.336, 341.3365,
6 341.342, 341.343, 341.344, 341.345, 341.346, 341.3465,
7 341.347, 341.348, 341.351, 341.352, 341.353, 341.363, 341.364,
8 341.365, 341.366, 341.368, 341.369, 341.371, 341.372, 341.375,
9 341.381, 341.382, 341.383, and 341.386, Florida Statutes, are
10 repealed.

11
12 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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15 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

16 And the title is amended as follows:

17 On page 4, line 12, after the first semicolon,

18
19 insert:

20 creating the "Florida High-Speed Rail Authority
21 Act"; creating s. 341.8201, F.S.; providing a
22 short title; creating s. 341.8202, F.S.;
23 providing legislative findings, policy,
24 purpose, and intent with respect to the
25 development, design, financing, construction,
26 and operation of a high-speed rail system in
27 the state; creating s. 341.8203, F.S.;
28 providing definitions; amending s. 341.821,
29 F.S., relating to the creation of the Florida
30 High-Speed Rail Authority; removing obsolete
31 provisions; amending s. 341.822, F.S.; revising

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1 and providing additional powers and duties of
2 the authority; amending s. 341.823, F.S.;
3 revising the criteria for assessment and
4 recommendations with respect to the
5 establishment of the high-speed rail system;
6 requiring the authority to establish specified
7 requirements; requiring the authority to
8 develop a specified plan, study, and estimates;
9 amending s. 341.824, F.S.; specifying types of
10 technical, scientific, or other assistance to
11 be provided by the Department of Community
12 Affairs and the Department of Environmental
13 Protection; creating s. 341.827, F.S.;
14 providing for determination of service areas
15 and the order of system segment construction;
16 creating s. 341.828, F.S.; authorizing the
17 authority to utilize existing permitting
18 processes; requiring cooperation between the
19 authority and metropolitan planning
20 organizations; creating s. 341.829, F.S.;
21 requiring the authority, in conjunction with
22 the Executive Office of the Governor, the
23 Department of Community Affairs, and the
24 Department of Environmental Protection, to
25 develop and implement a process to mitigate and
26 resolve conflicts between the system and growth
27 management requirements and environmental
28 standards; providing time limits for the filing
29 of and response to specified complaints;
30 creating s. 341.830, F.S.; authorizing the
31 authority to employ specified procurement

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1 methods; providing for the adoption of rules;
2 authorizing the authority to procure
3 commodities and services for the designing,
4 building, financing, maintenance, operation,
5 and implementation of a high-speed rail system;
6 creating s. 341.831, F.S.; authorizing the
7 authority to prequalify interested persons or
8 entities prior to seeking proposals for the
9 design, construction, operation, maintenance,
10 and financing of the high-speed rail system;
11 providing for the establishment of qualifying
12 criteria; creating s. 341.832, F.S.;

13 authorizing the authority to develop and
14 execute a request for qualifications process;
15 creating s. 341.833, F.S.; authorizing the
16 authority to develop and execute a request for
17 proposals process to seek a person or entity to
18 design, build, operate, maintain, and finance a
19 high-speed rail system; creating s. 341.834,
20 F.S.; providing for award of a conditional
21 contract; providing contract requirements;
22 prohibiting transfer of system property without
23 written approval; creating s. 341.835, F.S.;

24 authorizing the authority to purchase, lease,
25 exchange, or acquire land, property, or
26 buildings necessary to secure or utilize
27 rights-of-way for high-speed rail system
28 facilities; providing that the authority is not
29 subject to specified liability; authorizing the
30 authority and the Department of Environmental
31 Protection to enter into certain interagency

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1 agreements; providing for the disposal of
2 interest in property; authorizing agents and
3 employees of the authority to enter upon
4 certain property; authorizing the authority to
5 accept donations of real property; creating s.
6 341.836, F.S.; authorizing the authority to
7 undertake the development of associated
8 developments; providing requirements of
9 associated developments; creating s. 341.837,
10 F.S.; providing for payment of expenses
11 incurred in carrying out the act; creating s.
12 341.838, F.S.; authorizing the authority to
13 fix, revise, charge, collect, and adjust rates,
14 rents, fees, charges, and revenues, and to
15 enter into contracts; providing for annual
16 review by the authority of rates, rents, fees,
17 and charges; providing for uses of revenues;
18 creating s. 341.839, F.S.; providing that the
19 act is supplemental and additional to powers
20 conferred by other laws; exempting powers of
21 the authority from specified supervision,
22 approval, or consent; creating s. 341.840,
23 F.S.; providing tax exemptions for property
24 acquired or used by the authority or specified
25 income; creating s. 341.841, F.S.; requiring
26 the authority to prepare and submit a report;
27 providing for an annual audit; creating s.
28 341.842, F.S.; providing construction of the
29 act; amending s. 288.109, F.S.; removing a
30 cross reference; amending s. 334.30, F.S.;

31 removing a cross reference; amending s.

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1 337.251, F.S.; removing a cross reference;
2 amending s. 341.501, F.S.; providing that
3 specified actions do not apply to the Florida
4 High-Speed Rail Authority Act; repealing s.
5 341.3201, F.S., relating to the short title for
6 ss. 341.3201-341.386, F.S., the "Florida
7 High-Speed Rail Transportation Act"; repealing
8 s. 341.321, F.S., relating to legislative
9 findings, policy, purpose, and intent with
10 respect to the development of a high-speed rail
11 transportation system connecting the major
12 urban areas of the state; repealing s. 341.322,
13 F.S., relating to definitions of terms;
14 repealing s. 341.325, F.S., relating to special
15 powers and duties of the Department of
16 Transportation; repealing s. 341.327, F.S.,
17 which provides that the Florida High-Speed Rail
18 Transportation Act is the sole and exclusive
19 determination of need for any high-speed rail
20 transportation system established under the
21 act, thereby preempting specified
22 determinations of need; repealing s. 341.329,
23 F.S., relating to the issuance of bonds to
24 finance a high-speed rail transportation
25 system; repealing s. 341.331, F.S., relating to
26 designation of the areas of the state to be
27 served by the high-speed rail transportation
28 system and designation of termini; repealing s.
29 341.332, F.S., relating to the award of
30 franchises by the Department of Transportation
31 to establish a high-speed rail transportation

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1 system; repealing s. 341.3331, F.S., relating
2 to request for proposals; repealing s.
3 341.3332, F.S., relating to notice of issuance
4 of request for proposals; repealing s.
5 341.3333, F.S., relating to requirements with
6 respect to an application for franchise, and
7 confidentiality of the application and portions
8 of the application relating to trade secrets;
9 repealing s. 341.3334, F.S., relating to the
10 departmental review process of application for
11 franchise; repealing s. 341.3335, F.S.,
12 relating to interagency coordination of
13 franchise application review; repealing s.
14 341.3336, F.S., relating to public meetings on
15 franchise applications; repealing s. 341.3337,
16 F.S., relating to determination and award of
17 franchise; repealing s. 341.3338, F.S.,
18 relating to effect of franchise; repealing s.
19 341.3339, F.S., relating to postfranchise
20 agreements; repealing s. 341.334, F.S.,
21 relating to the powers and duties of the
22 Department of Transportation with respect to
23 the act; repealing s. 341.335, F.S., relating
24 to the powers and duties of the Florida Land
25 and Water Adjudicatory Commission sitting as
26 the board; repealing s. 341.336, F.S., relating
27 to the powers and duties of the Department of
28 Environmental Protection, the Department of
29 Community Affairs, and other affected agencies;
30 repealing s. 341.3365, F.S., relating to
31 certification procedures; repealing s. 341.342,

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1 F.S., relating to agreements concerning
2 contents of certification application and
3 supporting documentation; repealing s. 341.343,
4 F.S., relating to review of certification
5 applications; repealing s. 341.344, F.S.,
6 relating to the establishment, composition,
7 organization, and duties of the Citizens'
8 Planning and Environmental Advisory Committee;
9 repealing s. 341.345, F.S., relating to
10 alternate corridors or transit station
11 locations; repealing s. 341.346, F.S., relating
12 to the powers and duties of an administrative
13 law judge appointed to conduct hearings under
14 the act; repealing s. 341.3465, F.S., relating
15 to alteration of time limitations specified by
16 the act; repealing s. 341.347, F.S., relating
17 to required combined public meetings and land
18 use and zoning hearings to be conducted by
19 local governments; repealing s. 341.348, F.S.,
20 relating to reports and studies required of
21 various agencies by the act; repealing s.
22 341.351, F.S., relating to publication and
23 contents of notice of certification application
24 and proceedings; repealing s. 341.352, F.S.,
25 relating to certification hearings; repealing
26 s. 341.353, F.S., relating to final disposition
27 of certification applications; repealing s.
28 341.363, F.S., relating to the effect of
29 certification; repealing s. 341.364, F.S.,
30 relating to a franchisee's right to appeal to
31 the Florida Land and Water Adjudicatory

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1 Commission under specified circumstances;
2 repealing s. 341.365, F.S., relating to
3 associated development; repealing s. 341.366,
4 F.S., relating to recording of notice of
5 certified corridor route; repealing s. 341.368,
6 F.S., relating to modification of certification
7 or franchise; repealing s. 341.369, F.S.,
8 relating to fees imposed by the department and
9 the disposition of such fees; repealing s.
10 341.371, F.S., relating to revocation or
11 suspension of franchise or certification;
12 repealing s. 341.372, F.S., relating to
13 imposition by the department of specified
14 administrative fines in lieu of revocation or
15 suspension of franchise; repealing s. 341.375,
16 F.S., relating to the required participation by
17 women, minorities, and economically
18 disadvantaged individuals in all phases of the
19 design, construction, maintenance, and
20 operation of a high-speed rail transportation
21 system developed under the act, and required
22 plans for compliance by franchisees; repealing
23 s. 341.381, F.S., relating to applicability of
24 the act; repealing s. 341.382, F.S., relating
25 to laws and regulations superseded by the act;
26 repealing s. 341.383, F.S., relating to the
27 authority of local governments to assess
28 specified fees; repealing s. 341.386, F.S.,
29 relating to the admissibility of the award of a
30 franchise and of a certification under the act
31 in eminent domain proceedings;