

By the Committee on Transportation

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of
3 Transportation; amending s. 20.23, F.S.;
4 requiring the Florida Transportation Commission
5 to examine the department's district boundaries
6 as they relate to the strategic planning
7 regions established in the state's strategic
8 plan for economic development; requiring an
9 annual report to the Governor and the
10 Legislature; 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. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
15 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:
16 20.23 Department of Transportation.--There is created
17 a Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized
18 agency.
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20 (b) The commission shall have the primary functions
21 to:
22 1. Recommend major transportation policies for the
23 Governor's approval, and assure that approved policies and any
24 revisions thereto are properly executed.
25 2. Periodically review the status of the state
26 transportation system including highway, transit, rail,
27 seaport, intermodal development, and aviation components of
28 the system and recommend improvements therein to the Governor
29 and the Legislature.
30 3. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the annual
31 department budget request, the Florida Transportation Plan,

1 and the tentative work program for compliance with all
2 applicable laws and established departmental policies. Except
3 as specifically provided in s. 339.135(4)(c)2., (d), and (f),
4 the commission may not consider individual construction
5 projects, but shall consider methods of accomplishing the
6 goals of the department in the most effective, efficient, and
7 businesslike manner.

8 4. Monitor the financial status of the department on a
9 regular basis to assure that the department is managing
10 revenue and bond proceeds responsibly and in accordance with
11 law and established policy.

12 5. Monitor on at least a quarterly basis, the
13 efficiency, productivity, and management of the department,
14 using performance and production standards developed by the
15 commission pursuant to s. 334.045.

16 6. Perform an in-depth evaluation of the factors
17 causing disruption of project schedules in the adopted work
18 program and recommend to the Legislature and the Governor
19 methods to eliminate or reduce the disruptive effects of these
20 factors.

21 7. Recommend to the Governor and the Legislature
22 improvements to the department's organization in order to
23 streamline and optimize the efficiency of the department. In
24 reviewing the department's organization, the commission shall
25 determine if the current district organizational structure is
26 responsive to Florida's changing economic and demographic
27 development patterns. The commission shall specifically
28 examine district boundaries relative to the strategic planning
29 regions established in Florida's strategic plan for economic
30 development developed under s. 288.905. The initial report by
31 the commission must be delivered to the Governor and

1 | Legislature by December 15, 2005 ~~2000~~, and each year
2 | thereafter, as appropriate. The commission may retain such
3 | experts as are reasonably necessary to effectuate this
4 | subparagraph, and the department shall pay the expenses of
5 | such experts.

6 | Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Requires that the Florida Transportation Commission
examine the district boundaries of the Department of
Transportation relative to the statewide planning regions
and report to the Governor and the Legislature.