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CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

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1 Senator Alexander moved the following **substitute for amendment**  
2 **(505642) to amendment:**

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4 **Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

5 On line 26

6 insert:

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8 Section 70. Section 343.58, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
9 read:

10 343.58 County funding for the South Florida Regional  
11 Transportation Authority.--

12 (1) Each county served by the South Florida Regional  
13 Transportation Authority must dedicate and transfer not less than  
14 \$2.67 million to the authority annually. The recurring annual  
15 \$2.67 million must be dedicated by the governing body of each  
16 county before October 31 of each fiscal year.

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17       ~~(2) At least \$45 million of a state-authorized, local~~  
18 ~~option recurring funding source available to Broward, Miami-Dade,~~  
19 ~~and Palm Beach counties is directed to the authority to fund its~~  
20 ~~capital, operating, and maintenance expenses. The funding source~~  
21 ~~shall be dedicated to the authority only if Broward, Miami-Dade,~~  
22 ~~and Palm Beach counties impose the local option funding source.~~

23       (2)(3) In addition, each county shall continue to annually  
24 fund the operations of the South Florida Regional Transportation  
25 Authority in an amount not less than \$1.565 million. Revenue  
26 raised pursuant to this subsection shall also be considered a  
27 dedicated funding source.

28       (3)(4) ~~The current funding obligations under subsections~~  
29 ~~(1) and (3) shall cease upon commencement of the collection of~~  
30 ~~funding from the funding source under subsection (2). If the~~  
31 ~~funding under subsection (2) is discontinued for any reason, the~~  
32 ~~funding obligations under subsections (1) and (3) shall resume~~  
33 ~~when collection from the funding source under subsection (2)~~  
34 ~~ceases. Payment by the counties shall be on a pro rata basis the~~  
35 ~~first year following cessation of the funding under subsection~~  
36 ~~(2). The authority shall refund a pro rata share of the payments~~  
37 ~~for the current fiscal year made pursuant to the current funding~~  
38 ~~obligations under subsections (1) and (3) as soon as reasonably~~  
39 ~~practicable after it begins to receive funds under subsection~~  
40 ~~(2). If, by December 31, 2015, the South Florida Regional~~  
41 ~~Transportation Authority has not received federal matching funds~~  
42 ~~based upon the dedication of funds under subsection (1),~~  
43 ~~subsection (1) shall be repealed.~~

44       Section 71. Paragraph (b) of subsection (4) of section  
45 341.303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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46 341.303 Funding authorization and appropriations;  
47 eligibility and participation.--

48 (4) FUND PARTICIPATION; SERVICE DEVELOPMENT.--

49 (b) The department is authorized to fund up to 100 percent  
50 of the net operating costs of any eligible intercity or commuter  
51 rail service development project that is statewide in scope or  
52 involves more than one county if no other governmental unit of  
53 appropriate jurisdiction exists. For commuter rail service, after  
54 the 5th year of operation, the department's participation is  
55 limited to a maximum of 50 percent of the net operating costs of  
56 the service. For commuter rail service, after the 15th year of  
57 operation, the department shall not fund any portion of the net  
58 operating costs of the service.

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

61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 On line 37, after the semicolon,  
63 insert:

64 amending s. 343.58, F.S.; deleting provisions relating to  
65 state-authorized, local option recurring funding for the  
66 South Florida Regional Transportation Authority; amending  
67 s. 341.303, F.S.; limiting the funding of net operating  
68 costs for commuter rail service;