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Senate

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1 Senator Alexander moved the following **amendment**:

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

4 Between lines 2417 and 2418,

5 insert:

6 Section 45. Section 341.3023, Florida Statutes, is created  
7 to read:

8 341.3023 Commuter rail programs and intercity rail  
9 transportation system study.--

10 (1) The department shall undertake a comprehensive review  
11 and study of commuter railroad programs and intercity railroad  
12 transportation system plans and their impacts in the state  
13 through 2028.

14 (2) The review and study shall encompass and include  
15 information concerning:

16 (a) Commuter rail programs and intercity rail  
17 transportation system facility and improvement needs and plans,



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18 including those associated with connectivity to such facilities  
19 and improvements, outlined or contained in, without limitation  
20 thereto, the current Florida Transportation Plan developed  
21 pursuant to s. 339.155(1); regional transportation plans  
22 developed pursuant to s. 339.155(5); the Strategic Intermodal  
23 System Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.64; the adopted work  
24 plan developed pursuant to s. 339.135; long-range transportation  
25 plans developed pursuant to s. 339.175(7); transportation  
26 improvement plans of relevant metropolitan planning organizations  
27 developed pursuant to s. 339.175(8); plans, information, and  
28 studies prepared for or by the authorities created in parts I,  
29 II, III, and V of chapter 343; relevant studies and information  
30 previously prepared by the department and the Transportation  
31 Commission; and the transportation and capital improvement  
32 elements of relevant approved local government comprehensive  
33 plans.

34 (b) A detailed review of funding in the state for commuter  
35 rail programs and intercity rail transportation system  
36 improvements, projects, facilities, equipment, rights-of-way,  
37 operating costs, and other costs during the previous 20 years  
38 from state, federal, and local government sources.

39 (c) An assessment of the impacts of commuter rail programs  
40 and intercity rail transportation system improvements, projects,  
41 and facilities that have been undertaken in the state during the  
42 previous 20 years and their impact on the state, regional, and  
43 local transportation system and Florida's economic development.

44 (d) Proposed commuter rail programs and intercity rail  
45 transportation system improvements, projects, and facilities  
46 throughout the state to be undertaken during the next 20 years,  
47 including, based upon the best available, existing data, a



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48 detailed listing of specific projects with estimates of the costs  
49 of each specific project; projected timelines for such  
50 improvements, projects, and facilities; and the estimated  
51 priority of each such improvement, project, and facility.

52 (e) A map of those proposed improvements, projects, and  
53 facilities.

54 (f) A finance plan based upon reasonable projections of  
55 anticipated revenues available to the department and units of  
56 local government, including both 10-year and 20-year cost-  
57 feasible components, for such improvements, projects, and  
58 facilities which demonstrates how or what portion of such  
59 improvements, projects, and facilities can be implemented.

60 (g) A feasibility study of the best alternatives for  
61 implementing intercity passenger railroad service between the  
62 Tampa Bay region and the greater Orlando area.

63 (h) A proposed prioritization process, including  
64 alternatives, for commuter railroad and intercity railroad  
65 improvements, projects, and facilities.

66 (i) Funding alternatives for commuter rail programs and  
67 intercity rail transportation system improvements, projects, and  
68 facilities including specific resources, both public and private,  
69 which are reasonably expected to be available to accomplish such  
70 improvements, projects, and facilities and any innovative  
71 financing techniques that might be used to fund such  
72 improvements, projects, and facilities.

73 (3) The report shall also include detailed information and  
74 findings about negative impacts caused by current, or projected  
75 to be caused by proposed, commuter rail programs and intercity  
76 rail transportation system projects or freight railroad traffic  
77 in urban areas of the state. For the purpose of this section,



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78 "negative impacts" means those caused by noise, vibration, and  
79 vehicular traffic congestion and delays occurring at rail and  
80 road intersections. "Urban areas" means those areas within or  
81 adjacent to a municipality generally characterized by high  
82 density development and building patterns, greater concentration  
83 of population, and a high level and concentration of public  
84 services and facilities. The Orlando commuter railroad project  
85 means the Central Florida Rail Corridor, a line of railroad  
86 between Deland and Poinciana. The report shall include, without  
87 limitation:

88 (a) Options and alternatives for eliminating negative  
89 impacts associated with increased freight railroad traffic and  
90 freight railroad congestions within urban areas resulting from  
91 commuter rail programs or intercity rail transportation system  
92 improvements, projects, and facilities, including specifically  
93 those associated with the Orlando commuter railroad project.

94 (b) Proposed freight railroad improvements, projects, and  
95 facilities to be undertaken in the next 20 years, including those  
96 associated with the Orlando commuter railroad project, to  
97 eliminate such negative impacts, including, based upon the best  
98 available, existing data, a detailed listing of specific projects  
99 with estimates of the costs of each specific improvement,  
100 project, and facility; projected timelines for such improvements,  
101 projects, and facilities; the estimated priority of each such  
102 improvement, project, and facility; and the benefits to public  
103 safety, economic development, and downtown development and  
104 redevelopment from such improvements, projects, and facilities.

105 (c) A map of those proposed improvements, projects, and  
106 facilities.



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107       (d) A finance plan based upon reasonable projections of  
 108 anticipated revenues available to the department and units of  
 109 local government, including both 10-year and 20-year cost-  
 110 feasible components, for such improvements, projects, and  
 111 facilities which demonstrates how or what portion of such  
 112 improvements, projects, and facilities can be implemented, as it  
 113 is the intent of the Legislature and the public policy of the  
 114 state that such negative impacts of commuter rail programs, and  
 115 intercity rail transportation system projects funded by the  
 116 state, including those associated with the Orlando commuter  
 117 railroad project, be eliminated not later than 8 years after  
 118 commuter rail programs and intercity rail transportation system  
 119 projects begin operation.

120       (4) The report containing the information required pursuant  
 121 to subsections (1), (2), and (3) shall be delivered to the  
 122 Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House  
 123 of Representatives, and the leaders of the minority parties of  
 124 the Senate and House of Representatives on or before March 31,  
 125 2009.

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

128 And the title is amended as follows:

129       On line 201, after the first semicolon,  
 130 insert:

131       creating s. 341.3023, F.S.; requiring the Department of  
 132       Transportation to review and study commuter rail programs  
 133       and intercity rail transportation systems; requiring a  
 134       report to the Governor and the Legislature;