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1 The Committee on Transportation (Bullard) recommended the  
2 following **amendment to amendment (414488)**:

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

5 Between line(s) 3335 and 3336,  
6 insert:

7 Section 14. Subsection (8) of section 163.340, Florida  
8 Statutes, is amended to read:

9 163.340 Definitions.--The following terms, wherever used or  
10 referred to in this part, have the following meanings:

11 (8) "Blighted area" means an area in which there are a  
12 substantial number of deteriorated, or deteriorating structures,  
13 in which conditions, as indicated by government-maintained  
14 statistics or other studies, are leading to economic distress or  
15 endanger life or property, and in which two or more of the  
16 following factors are present:



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17 (a) Predominance of defective or inadequate street layout,  
18 parking facilities, roadways, bridges, or public transportation  
19 facilities;

20 (b) Aggregate assessed values of real property in the area  
21 for ad valorem tax purposes have failed to show any appreciable  
22 increase over the 5 years prior to the finding of such  
23 conditions;

24 (c) Faulty lot layout in relation to size, adequacy,  
25 accessibility, or usefulness;

26 (d) Unsanitary or unsafe conditions;

27 (e) Deterioration of site or other improvements;

28 (f) Inadequate and outdated building density patterns;

29 (g) Falling lease rates per square foot of office,  
30 commercial, or industrial space compared to the remainder of the  
31 county or municipality;

32 (h) Tax or special assessment delinquency exceeding the  
33 fair value of the land;

34 (i) Residential and commercial vacancy rates higher in the  
35 area than in the remainder of the county or municipality;

36 (j) Incidence of crime in the area higher than in the  
37 remainder of the county or municipality;

38 (k) Fire and emergency medical service calls to the area  
39 proportionately higher than in the remainder of the county or  
40 municipality;

41 (l) A greater number of violations of the Florida Building  
42 Code in the area than the number of violations recorded in the  
43 remainder of the county or municipality;

44 (m) Diversity of ownership or defective or unusual  
45 conditions of title which prevent the free alienability of land  
46 within the deteriorated or hazardous area; or



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47 (n) Governmentally owned property with adverse  
48 environmental conditions caused by a public or private entity.  
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50 However, the term "blighted area" also means any area in which at  
51 least one of the factors identified in paragraphs (a) through (n)  
52 are present and all taxing authorities subject to s.  
53 163.387(2)(a) agree, either by interlocal agreement or agreements  
54 with the agency or by resolution, that the area is blighted, or  
55 that the area was previously used as a military facility, is  
56 undeveloped, and consists of land that the Federal Government  
57 declared surplus within the preceding 20 years, not including any  
58 such area which is currently being used by the military in either  
59 an Active-Duty, Reserve or National Guard capacity. Such  
60 agreement or resolution shall only determine that the area is  
61 blighted. For purposes of qualifying for the tax credits  
62 authorized in chapter 220, "blighted area" means an area as  
63 defined in this subsection.  
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65 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

66 And the title is amended as follows:

67 Delete line(s) 3836, after the semicolon,

68 insert:

69 amending s. 163.340, F.S.; defining the term "blighted  
70 area" to include land previously used as a military  
71 facility;