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Senate

House

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1 Representative Brandes offered the following:

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3 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

4 Between lines 2525 and 2526, insert:

5 Section 74. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
6 20.23, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

7 20.23 Department of Transportation.—There is created a
8 Department of Transportation which shall be a decentralized
9 agency.

10 (3) There is created the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail
11 Commission.

12 (b) The commission shall have the primary and exclusive
13 functions of:

14 1. Monitoring the efficiency, productivity, and management
15 of all publicly funded passenger rail systems in the state,
16 including, but not limited to, any authority created under
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17 chapter 343, chapter 349, or chapter 163 if the authority
18 receives public funds for providing ~~the provision of~~ passenger
19 rail service. The commission shall advise each monitored
20 authority of its findings and recommendations. The commission
21 shall also conduct periodic reviews of each monitored
22 authority's passenger rail and associated transit operations and
23 budget, acquisition of property, management of revenue and bond
24 proceeds, and compliance with applicable laws and generally
25 accepted accounting principles. The commission may seek the
26 assistance of the Auditor General in conducting such reviews and
27 shall report the findings of such reviews to the Legislature.
28 ~~This paragraph does not preclude the Florida Transportation~~
29 ~~Commission from conducting its performance and work program~~
30 ~~monitoring responsibilities.~~

31 2. Advising the department on policies and strategies used
32 in planning, designing, building, operating, financing, and
33 maintaining a coordinated statewide system of passenger rail
34 services.

35 3. Evaluating passenger rail policies and providing advice
36 and recommendations to the Legislature on passenger rail
37 operations in the state.

38 Section 75. Subsection (13) is added to section 311.09,
39 Florida Statutes, to read:

40 311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
41 Development Council.—

42 (13) Until July 1, 2014, Citrus County may apply for a
43 grant through the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
44 Development Council to perform a feasibility study regarding the
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45 establishment of a port in Citrus County. The council shall
46 evaluate such application in accordance with subsections (5)-(9)
47 and, if approved, the Department of Transportation shall include
48 the feasibility study in its budget request pursuant to
49 subsection (10).

50 Section 76. Paragraph (c) of subsection (1) of section
51 374.976, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

52 374.976 Authority to address impacts of waterway
53 development projects.—

54 (1) Each inland navigation district is empowered and
55 authorized to undertake programs intended to alleviate the
56 problems associated with its waterway or waterways, including,
57 but not limited to, the following:

58 (c) The district is authorized to aid and cooperate with
59 the Federal Government; state; member counties; nonmember
60 counties that contain any part of the intracoastal waterway
61 within their boundaries; navigation districts; the seaports of
62 Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Port Citrus, Fort Pierce, Palm
63 Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee, St. Petersburg,
64 Tampa, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Pensacola, Key West, and
65 Fernandina; and local governments within the district in
66 planning and carrying out public navigation, local and regional
67 anchorage management, beach renourishment, public recreation,
68 inlet management, environmental education, and boating safety
69 projects, directly related to the waterways. The district is
70 also authorized to enter into cooperative agreements with the
71 United States Army Corps of Engineers, state, and member
72 counties, and to covenant in any such cooperative agreement to
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73 pay part of the costs of acquisition, planning, development,
74 construction, reconstruction, extension, improvement, operation,
75 and maintenance of such projects.
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81 Remove line 186 and insert:

82 changes made by the act; amending s. 20.23, F.S.; providing that
83 the Florida Statewide Passenger Rail Commission has the primary
84 and exclusive authority to monitor certain designated functions
85 related to passenger rail systems; removing from the Florida
86 Transportation Commission the responsibility and duty to monitor
87 the efficiency, productivity, and management of all publicly
88 funded passenger rail systems in the state; amending s. 311.09,
89 F.S.; providing that Citrus County may apply for a grant for a
90 feasibility study through the Florida Seaport Transportation and
91 Economic Development Council; providing for the evaluation of
92 the application; requiring the Department of Transportation to
93 include the study in its budget request under certain
94 circumstances; amending s. 374.976, F.S.; conforming provisions
95 to include Port Citrus in provisions relating to the authority
96 of inland navigation districts; providing effective dates.