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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate	.	House
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Senator Ring moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 1965 - 1996

and insert:

Section 35. Subsections (1) and (3) of section 311.09, Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsection (13) is added to that section, to read:

311.09 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council.—

(1) The Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council is created within the Department of Transportation. The council consists of the following 18 ~~17~~ members: the port director, or the port director's designee, of



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14 each of the ports of Jacksonville, Port Canaveral, Port Citrus,
15 Fort Pierce, Palm Beach, Port Everglades, Miami, Port Manatee,
16 St. Petersburg, Tampa, Port St. Joe, Panama City, Pensacola, Key
17 West, and Fernandina; the secretary of the Department of
18 Transportation or his or her designee; the director of the
19 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development or his or her
20 designee; and the secretary of the Department of Community
21 Affairs or his or her designee.

22 (3) The council shall prepare a 5-year Florida Seaport
23 Mission Plan defining the goals and objectives of the council
24 concerning the development of port facilities and an intermodal
25 transportation system consistent with the goals of the Florida
26 Transportation Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.155. The
27 Florida Seaport Mission Plan shall include specific
28 recommendations for the construction of transportation
29 facilities connecting any port to another transportation mode
30 and for the efficient, cost-effective development of
31 transportation facilities or port facilities for the purpose of
32 enhancing ~~international~~ trade, promoting cargo flow, increasing
33 cruise passenger movements, increasing port revenues, and
34 providing economic benefits to the state. The council shall
35 develop a priority list of projects based on these
36 recommendations annually and submit the list to the Department
37 of Transportation. The council shall update the 5-year Florida
38 Seaport Mission Plan annually and shall submit the plan no later
39 than February 1 of each year to the President of the Senate; the
40 Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Office of Tourism,
41 Trade, and Economic Development; the Department of
42 Transportation; and the Department of Community Affairs. The



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43 council shall develop programs, based on an examination of
44 existing programs in Florida and other states, for the training
45 of minorities and secondary school students in job skills
46 associated with employment opportunities in the maritime
47 industry, and report on progress and recommendations for further
48 action to the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
49 House of Representatives annually.

50 (13) Until July 1, 2014, Citrus County may apply for a
51 grant through the council to perform a feasibility study
52 regarding the establishment of a port in Citrus County. The
53 council shall evaluate such application in accordance with
54 subsections (5)-(9) and, if approved, the Department of
55 Transportation shall include the feasibility study in its budget
56 request pursuant to subsection (1). After such feasibility study
57 is funded and performed and the study determines that a port in
58 Citrus County is not feasible, the membership of Port Citrus on
59 the council shall terminate.

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

62 And the title is amended as follows:

63 Delete lines 208 - 213

64 and insert:

65 secretary; amending s. 311.09, F.S.; revising the
66 membership of the Florida Seaport Transportation and
67 Economic Development Council to include the port
68 director, or his or her designee, from Port Citrus;
69 revising requirements for the inclusion of certain
70 goals and objectives in the Florida Seaport Mission
71 Plan; requiring the Florida Seaport Transportation and



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72 Economic Development Council to develop a priority
73 list of projects and submit the list to the Department
74 of Transportation; authorizing Citrus County to apply
75 for a grant through the council to perform a
76 feasibility study regarding the establishment of a
77 port in Citrus County; amending s. 311.14,