

Amendment No.

CHAMBER ACTION

Senate

House

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Representative Brandes offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 4025-4075 and insert:

Section 78. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and facilitate the merger of the governance, staff, operations, funding, and facilities of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority in order to enhance the local and regional transit service and connectivity in the Tampa Bay area. Further, the Legislature finds that the merger of Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority will result in operational efficiencies, reduced administrative costs, and further the regional approach to transit identified in the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's Regional Transportation Master Plan (Master Plan).

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17 (1) The governing bodies of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit
18 Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
19 are authorized to enter into an interlocal agreement that merges
20 their agencies, and provides for each of the following elements
21 concerning the merged agency:

22 (a) Governance structure, including governing board
23 membership, terms, responsibilities, officers, powers, duties,
24 and responsibilities of the merged agency;

25 (b) Staff reorganization;

26 (c) Funding options and implementation;

27 (d) Facilities ownership and management;

28 (e) Financing of current and future facilities and
29 operations;

30 (f) Current financial obligations and resources; and

31 (g) Timetable for actions to be taken consistent with the
32 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's Master Plan.

33 (2) The governing bodies of Pinellas Suncoast Transit
34 Authority and Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority shall
35 hold a joint meeting within 30 days after the effective date of
36 this act, and thereafter no less frequently than every 45 days,
37 in order to prepare, approve, and adopt the interlocal agreement
38 merging their agencies by no later than February 1, 2013. If the
39 governing bodies of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and
40 the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority are not able to
41 approve and adopt an interlocal agreement that complies with
42 this act by providing for the elements set forth in subsection
43 (1) by February 1, 2013, they shall on February 1, 2013, submit
44 a joint report to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the
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45 House of Representatives which explains the efforts they have
46 made to comply with this act, sets forth the specific reasons
47 they have not been able to carry out the intent of the
48 Legislature as set forth in this act, includes minutes of all
49 meetings held by the governing bodies in their effort to comply
50 with this act, and provides the most recent organizational
51 structure, budget, and audit for each agency.

52 (3) The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
53 shall assist and facilitate the Pinellas Suncoast Transit
54 Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
55 in carrying out the intent and purposes of this act. The Tampa
56 Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority shall provide
57 technical assistance and information regarding its Master Plan,
58 shall make recommendations for achieving consistency and
59 improved regional connectivity, and shall provide support to the
60 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area
61 Regional Transit Authority in the preparation of their
62 interlocal agreement, or joint report to the Legislature. For
63 this purpose, the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the
64 Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority shall reimburse the
65 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority for necessary
66 and reasonable expense in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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72 Remove lines 471-476 and insert:

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73 providing legislative intent relating to the merger of the
74 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area
75 Regional Transit Authority; authorizing such merger by
76 interlocal agreement that provides for certain elements;
77 requiring joint meetings; requiring a report to the Legislature
78 if an agreement is not reached by a certain date; directing the
79 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority to assist such
80 authorities; providing for certain expenses to be paid;

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