

By Senator Brandes

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to transportation; amending s. 311.22,
3 F.S.; establishing the Department of Transportation as
4 the agency responsible for administering the section,
5 instead of the Florida Seaport Transportation and
6 Economic Development Council; providing for the future
7 repeal of the section; providing an effective date.
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9 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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11 Section 1. Section 311.22, Florida Statutes, is amended to
12 read:

13 311.22 Additional authorization for funding certain
14 dredging projects.—

15 (1) The Department of Transportation ~~Florida Seaport~~
16 ~~Transportation and Economic Development Council~~ shall establish
17 a program to fund dredging projects in counties having a
18 population of fewer than 300,000 according to the last official
19 census. Funds made available under this program may be used to
20 fund approved projects for the dredging or deepening of
21 channels, turning basins, or harbors on a 25-percent local
22 matching basis with any port authority, as such term is defined
23 in s. 315.02(2), which complies with the permitting requirements
24 in part IV of chapter 373 and the local financial management and
25 reporting provisions of part III of chapter 218.

26 (2) The department ~~council~~ shall adopt rules for evaluating
27 the projects that may be funded pursuant to this section. The
28 rules must provide criteria for evaluating the economic benefit
29 of the project. The rules must include the creation of an

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30 administrative review process by the department ~~council~~ which is
31 similar to the process described in s. 311.09(5)-(11), and
32 provide for a review by the ~~Department of Transportation and the~~
33 Department of Economic Opportunity of all projects submitted for
34 funding under this section.

35 (3) This section expires on July 1, 2018.

36 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.