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Senator Galvano moved the following:

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

Between lines 335 and 336

insert:

Section 8. Paragraphs (a) and (e) of subsection (1) of section 343.91, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

343.91 Definitions.—

(1) As used in this part, the term:

(a) "Authority" means the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority, the body politic and corporate and agency of the state created by this part, covering the eight-



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12 county ~~seven-county~~ area comprised of Citrus, Hernando,  
13 Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, and Sarasota  
14 Counties.

15 (e)1. "Commuter rail" means a complete system of tracks,  
16 guideways, stations, and rolling stock necessary to effectuate  
17 medium-distance to long-distance passenger rail service to,  
18 from, or within the municipalities within the authority's  
19 designated eight-county ~~seven-county~~ region.

20 2. "Heavy rail transit" means a complete rail system  
21 operating on an electric railway with the capacity for a heavy  
22 volume of traffic, characterized by high-speed and rapid-  
23 acceleration passenger rail cars operating singly or in multicar  
24 trains on fixed rails in separate rights-of-way from which all  
25 other vehicular and pedestrian traffic are excluded. "Heavy rail  
26 transit" includes metro, subway, elevated, rapid transit, and  
27 rapid rail systems.

28 3. "Light rail transit" means a complete system of tracks,  
29 overhead catenaries, stations, and platforms with lightweight  
30 passenger rail cars operating singly or in short, multicar  
31 trains on fixed rails in rights-of-way that are not separated  
32 from other traffic for much of the way.

33 Section 9. Subsection (2) of section 343.92, Florida  
34 Statutes, is amended to read:

35 343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority.—

36 (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
37 16 voting members.

38 (a) ~~There shall be one nonvoting, ex officio member of The~~  
39 ~~board who shall be appointed by the~~ secretary of the department  
40 shall appoint an advisor to the board ~~but~~ who must be the



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41 district secretary for one of the department districts within  
42 the eight-county ~~seven-county~~ area of the authority, at the  
43 discretion of the secretary of the department.

44 (b) The 16 ~~There shall be 15~~ voting members of the board  
45 shall be as follows:

46 1. The county commissions of Citrus, Hernando,  
47 Hillsborough, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, and Sarasota  
48 Counties shall each appoint one elected official to the board.  
49 Members appointed under this subparagraph shall serve 2-year  
50 terms with not more than three consecutive terms being served by  
51 any person. If a member under this subparagraph leaves elected  
52 office, a vacancy exists on the board to be filled as provided  
53 in this subparagraph.

54 2. The West Central Florida M.P.O. Chairs Coordinating  
55 Committee shall appoint one member to the board who must be a  
56 chair of one of the six metropolitan planning organizations in  
57 the region. The member appointed under this subparagraph shall  
58 serve a 2-year term with not more than three consecutive terms  
59 being served by any person.

60 3.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, or the  
61 mayor's designee, of the largest municipality within the service  
62 area of each of the following independent transit agencies or  
63 their legislatively created successor agencies: Pinellas  
64 Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area Regional  
65 Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that municipality  
66 with the largest population as determined by the most recent  
67 United States Decennial Census.

68 b. Should a mayor choose not to serve, his or her designee  
69 must be an elected official selected by the mayor from that



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70 largest municipality's city council or city commission. A mayor  
71 or his or her designee shall serve a 2-year term with not more  
72 than three consecutive terms being served by any person.

73 c. A designee's term ends if the mayor leaves office for  
74 any reason. If a designee leaves elected office on the city  
75 council or commission, a vacancy exists on the board to be  
76 filled by the mayor of that municipality as provided in sub-  
77 subparagraph a.

78 d. A mayor who has served three consecutive terms on the  
79 board must designate an elected official from that largest  
80 municipality's city council or city commission to serve on the  
81 board for at least one term.

82 4.a. One membership on the board shall rotate every 2 years  
83 between the mayor, or his or her designee, of the largest  
84 municipality within Manatee County and the mayor, or his or her  
85 designee, of the largest municipality within Sarasota County.  
86 The mayor, or his or her designee, from the largest municipality  
87 within Manatee County shall serve the first 2-year term. The  
88 largest municipality is that municipality with the largest  
89 population as determined by the most recent United States  
90 Decennial Census.

91 b. Should a mayor choose not to serve, his or her designee  
92 must be an elected official selected by the mayor from that  
93 municipality's city council or city commission.

94 5. The Governor shall appoint to the board four business  
95 representatives, each of whom must reside in one of the eight  
96 ~~seven~~ counties governed by the authority, none of whom may be  
97 elected officials, and at least one but not more than two of  
98 whom shall represent counties within the federally designated



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99 Tampa Bay Transportation Management Area. Members appointed by  
100 the Governor shall serve 3-year terms with not more than two  
101 consecutive terms being served by any person.

102 (c) Appointments may be staggered to avoid mass turnover at  
103 the end of any 2-year or 4-year period. A vacancy during a term  
104 shall be filled by the respective appointing authority within 90  
105 days in the same manner as the original appointment and only for  
106 the remainder of the unexpired term.

107 Section 10. Subsection (1), paragraphs (c) through (e) of  
108 subsection (3), and subsection (4) of section 343.922, Florida  
109 Statutes, are amended to read:

110 343.922 Powers and duties.—

111 (1) The express purposes of the authority are to improve  
112 mobility and expand multimodal transportation options for  
113 passengers and freight throughout the eight-county ~~seven-county~~  
114 Tampa Bay region.

115 (3)

116 (c) Before the adoption of the master plan, the authority  
117 shall hold at least one public meeting in each of the eight  
118 ~~seven~~ counties within the designated region. At least one public  
119 hearing must be held before the authority's board.

120 (d) After its adoption, the master plan shall be updated  
121 every 5 ~~2~~ years before July 1.

122 (e) The authority shall present the original master plan  
123 and updates to the governing bodies of the counties within the  
124 eight-county ~~seven-county~~ region, to the West Central Florida  
125 M.P.O. Chairs Coordinating Committee, and to the legislative  
126 delegation members representing those counties within 90 days  
127 after adoption.



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128           (4) The authority may undertake projects or other  
129 improvements in the master plan in phases as particular projects  
130 or segments become feasible, as determined by the authority. The  
131 authority shall coordinate project planning, development, and  
132 implementation with the applicable local governments. The  
133 authority's projects that are transportation oriented must ~~shall~~  
134 be consistent to the maximum extent feasible with the adopted  
135 local government comprehensive plans at the time such projects  
136 ~~they~~ are funded for construction. Authority projects that are  
137 not transportation oriented and meet the definition of  
138 development pursuant to s. 380.04 must ~~shall~~ be consistent with  
139 the local comprehensive plans. In carrying out its purposes and  
140 powers, the authority may request funding and technical  
141 assistance from the department and appropriate federal and local  
142 agencies, including, but not limited to, state infrastructure  
143 bank loans, ~~advances from the Toll Facilities Revolving Trust~~  
144 ~~Fund, and funding and technical assistance from any other~~  
145 ~~source.~~

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

148 And the title is amended as follows:

149           Delete line 52

150 and insert:

151           funding; providing criteria; amending s. 343.91, F.S.;

152           adding Polk County to the list of counties covered

153           under the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation

154           Authority; amending s. 343.92, F.S.; revising the

155           voting membership of the governing board of the Tampa

156           Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority; amending



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157 s. 343.922, F.S.; extending the timeframe during which  
158 the master plan of the Tampa Bay Area Regional  
159 Transportation Authority must be updated; conforming  
160 provisions to changes made by the act; amending s.  
161 479.16, F.S.;