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Senator Simmons moved the following:

Senate Amendment

Delete lines 301 - 363

and insert:

(6) A member or the executive director of the authority may not:

(a) Personally represent another person or entity for compensation before the authority for a period of 2 years following vacation of his or her position.

(b) After retirement or termination, have an employment or contractual relationship with a business entity other than an



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12 agency as defined in s. 112.312, in connection with a contract
13 in which the member or executive director personally and
14 substantially participated in through decision, approval,
15 disapproval, recommendation, rendering of advice, or
16 investigation while he or she was a member or employee of the
17 authority.

18 (7) A violation of subsection (6) is punishable in
19 accordance with s. 112.317.

20 (8) The authority's general counsel shall serve as the
21 authority's ethics officer.

22 (9) Authority board members, employees, and consultants who
23 hold positions that may influence authority decisions shall
24 refrain from engaging in any relationship that may adversely
25 affect their judgment in carrying out authority business. To
26 prevent such conflicts of interest and preserve the integrity
27 and transparency of the authority to the public, the following
28 disclosures must be made annually on a disclosure form:

29 (a) Any relationship a board member, employee, or
30 consultant has which affords a current or future financial
31 benefit to such board member, employee, or consultant, or to a
32 relative or business associate of such board member, employee,
33 or consultant, and which a reasonable person would conclude has
34 the potential to create a prohibited conflict of interest. As
35 used in this subsection, the term "relative" has the same
36 meaning as in s. 112.312.

37 (b) Whether a relative of a board member, employee, or
38 consultant is a registered lobbyist, and if so, the names of the
39 lobbyist's clients. Such names shall be provided in writing to
40 the ethics officer.



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41 (c) Any and all interests in real property that a board
42 member, employee, or consultant has, or that a relative,
43 principal, client, or business associate of such board member,
44 employee, or consultant has, if such real property is located
45 within, or within a one-half mile radius of, any actual or
46 prospective authority roadway project. The executive director
47 shall provide a corridor map and a property ownership list
48 reflecting the ownership of all real property within the
49 disclosure area, or an alignment map with a list of associated
50 owners, to all board members, employees, and consultants.

51 (10) The disclosure forms required under subsection (9)
52 must be reviewed by the ethics officer or, if a form is filed by
53 the general counsel, by the executive director.

54 (11) The conflict of interest process shall be outlined in
55 the authority's code of ethics.

56 (12) Authority employees and consultants are prohibited
57 from serving on the governing body of the authority while
58 employed by or under contract with the authority.

59 (13) The code of ethics policy shall be reviewed and
60 updated by the ethics officer and presented for board approval
61 at a minimum of once every 2 years.

62 (14) Employees shall be adequately informed and trained on
63 the code of ethics and shall continually participate in ongoing
64 ethics education.

65 (15) The requirements in subsections (6) through (14) are
66 in addition to the requirements that the members and the
67 executive director of the authority are required to follow under
68 chapter 112.