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Appropriations Subcommittee on Transportation, Tourism, and Economic Development (Brandes) recommended the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (152974) (with title**  
2 **amendment)**

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4           Delete lines 83 - 165  
5 and insert:

6           Section 1. Present subsections (91), (92), and (93) of  
7 section 316.003, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as  
8 subsections (92), (93), and (94), respectively, and a new  
9 subsection (91) is added to that section to read:

10           316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when



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11 used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively  
12 ascribed to them in this section, except where the context  
13 otherwise requires:

14 (92) DRIVER-ASSISTIVE TRUCK PLATOONING TECHNOLOGY.—Vehicle  
15 automation and safety technology that integrates sensor array,  
16 wireless vehicle-to-vehicle communications, active safety  
17 systems, and specialized software to link safety systems and  
18 synchronize acceleration and braking between two vehicles while  
19 leaving each vehicle’s steering control and systems command in  
20 the control of the vehicle’s driver in compliance with the  
21 National Highway Traffic Safety Administration rules regarding  
22 vehicle-to-vehicle platooning.

23 Section 2. The Department of Transportation, in  
24 consultation with the Department of Highway Safety and Motor  
25 Vehicles, shall study the use and safe operation of driver-  
26 assistive truck platooning technology, as defined in s. 316.003,  
27 Florida Statutes, for the purpose of developing a pilot project  
28 to test vehicles that are equipped to operate using driver-  
29 assistive truck platooning technology.

30 (1) Upon conclusion of the study, the Department of  
31 Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Highway  
32 Safety and Motor Vehicles, may conduct a pilot project to test  
33 the use and safe operation of vehicles equipped with driver-  
34 assistive truck platooning technology.

35 (2) Notwithstanding ss. 316.0895 and 316.303, Florida  
36 Statutes, the Department of Transportation may conduct the pilot  
37 project in such a manner and at such locations as determined by  
38 the Department of Transportation based on the study.

39 (3) Before the start of the pilot project, manufacturers of



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40 driver-assistive truck platooning technology being tested in the  
41 pilot project must submit to the Department of Highway Safety  
42 and Motor Vehicles an instrument of insurance, surety bond, or  
43 proof of self-insurance acceptable to the department in the  
44 amount of \$5 million.

45 (4) Upon conclusion of the pilot project, the Department of  
46 Transportation, in consultation with the Department of Highway  
47 Safety and Motor Vehicles, shall submit the results of the study  
48 and any findings or recommendations from the pilot project to  
49 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
50 the House of Representatives.

51 Section 3. Subsection (7) of section 316.0745, Florida  
52 Statutes, is amended to read:

53 316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.—

54 (7) The Department of Transportation may, upon receipt and  
55 investigation of reported noncompliance and ~~is authorized,~~ after  
56 hearing pursuant to 14 days' notice, ~~to~~ direct the removal of  
57 any purported traffic control device that fails to meet the  
58 requirements of this section, wherever the device is located and  
59 without regard to assigned responsibility under s. 316.1895  
60 ~~which fails to meet the requirements of this section.~~ The public  
61 agency erecting or installing the same shall immediately bring  
62 it into compliance with the requirements of this section or  
63 remove said device or signal upon the direction of the  
64 Department of Transportation and may not, for a period of 5  
65 years, install any replacement or new traffic control devices  
66 paid for in part or in full with revenues raised by the state  
67 unless written prior approval is received from the Department of  
68 Transportation. Any additional violation by a public body or



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69 official shall be cause for the withholding of state funds for  
70 traffic control purposes until such public body or official  
71 demonstrates to the Department of Transportation that it is  
72 complying with this section.

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

74 And the title is amended as follows:

75 Delete lines 3 - 14

76 and insert:

77 316.003, F.S.; defining the term "driver-assistive  
78 truck platooning technology; directing the Department  
79 of Transportation to study the operation of driver-  
80 assistive truck platooning technology; authorizing the  
81 department to conduct a pilot project to test such  
82 operation; providing security requirements; requiring  
83 a report to the Governor and Legislature; amending s.  
84 316.0745, F.S.; revising the circumstances under which  
85 the Department of Transportation is authorized to  
86 direct the removal of certain traffic control devices;  
87 requiring the public agency erecting or installing  
88 such a device to bring it into compliance with certain  
89 requirements or remove it upon the direction of the  
90 department;