

26 rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and
27 facilities system, which tolls, rates, fees, rentals, and other
28 charges must always be sufficient to comply with any covenants
29 made with the holders of any bonds issued pursuant to the
30 Florida Expressway Authority Act. However, such right and power
31 may be assigned or delegated by the authority to the department.

32 1. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
33 contrary, but subject to any contractual requirements contained
34 in documents securing any indebtedness outstanding on July 1,
35 2017, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1):

36 a. The authority may not increase a toll unless the
37 increase is justified to the satisfaction of the authority by a
38 traffic and revenue study conducted by an independent third
39 party.

40 b. The authority may only increase tolls to the extent
41 necessary to adjust for inflation pursuant to the index of toll
42 rate adjustments provided pursuant to s. 338.165.

43 c. A toll increase must be approved by a two-thirds vote
44 of the expressway authority board.

45 d. The authority may not use more than 10 percent of its
46 toll revenues for administrative expenses. For purposes of this
47 sub-subparagraph, administrative expenses include, but are not
48 limited to, employee salaries and benefits, small business
49 outreach, insurance, professional service contracts not directly
50 related to the operation and maintenance of the expressway

51 system, and other overhead costs.

52 e. On transportation facilities constructed after July 1,
53 2017, there must be a distance of at least 5 miles between toll
54 collection facilities.

55 2. Notwithstanding s. 338.165 or any other provision of
56 law to the contrary, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1),
57 to the extent surplus revenues exist, they may be used for
58 purposes enumerated in subsection (7), provided the expenditures
59 are consistent with the metropolitan planning organization's
60 adopted long-range plan.

61 3. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the
62 contrary, but subject to any contractual requirements contained
63 in documents securing any outstanding indebtedness payable from
64 tolls, in any county as defined in s. 125.011(1), the board of
65 county commissioners may, by ordinance adopted on or before
66 September 30, 1999, alter or abolish existing tolls and
67 currently approved increases thereto if the board provides a
68 local source of funding to the county expressway system for
69 transportation in an amount sufficient to replace revenues
70 necessary to meet bond obligations secured by such tolls and
71 increases.

72 Section 3. Section 348.00115, Florida Statutes, is created
73 to read:

74 348.00115 Public accountability.—An expressway authority
75 in a county as defined in s. 125.011(1) shall post the following

76 information on its website:

77 (1) Audited financial statements and any interim financial
78 reports.

79 (2) Board and committee meeting agendas, meeting packets,
80 and minutes.

81 (3) Bond covenants for any outstanding bond issues.

82 (4) Authority budgets.

83 (5) Authority contracts. For purposes of this subsection,
84 "contract" means a written agreement or purchase order issued
85 for the purchase of goods or services or a written agreement for
86 the receipt of state or federal financial assistance.

87 (6) Authority expenditure data, which must include the
88 name of the payee, the date of the expenditure, and the amount
89 of the expenditure. Such data must be searchable by name of the
90 payee, name of the paying agency, and fiscal year and must be
91 downloadable in a format that allows offline analysis.

92 (7) Information relating to current, recently completed,
93 and future projects on authority facilities.

94 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2017.