

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Accountability  
 2 Committee

3 Representative Raulerson offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove lines 111-348 and insert:

7 ~~county area comprised of Citrus,~~ Hernando, Hillsborough,  
 8 Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas, ~~Manatee, and Sarasota~~ Counties and  
 9 any other contiguous county that is party to an agreement of  
 10 participation.

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

16 2. "Heavy rail transit" means a complete rail system

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

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

29 |         Section 4. Section 343.92, Florida Statutes, is amended to  
30 | read:

31 |         343.92 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Transportation  
32 | Authority.—

33 |         (1) There is created and established a body politic and  
34 | corporate, an agency of the state, to be known as the Tampa Bay  
35 | Area Regional Transit Transportation Authority.

36 |         (2) The governing board of the authority shall consist of  
37 | 13 ~~15~~ voting members appointed no later than 45 days after the  
38 | creation of the authority.

39 |         (a) The secretary of the department shall appoint two  
40 | advisors to the board who must be the district secretary for  
41 | each of the department districts within the designated seven-

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42 ~~county~~ area of the authority.

43 (b) The 13 ~~15~~ voting members of the board shall be as  
44 follows:

45 1. The county commissions of ~~Citrus,~~ Hernando,  
46 Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas, ~~Manatee,~~ and  
47 ~~Sarasota~~ Counties shall each appoint one county commissioner  
48 ~~elected official~~ to the board. Members appointed under this  
49 subparagraph shall serve 2-year terms with not more than three  
50 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member under  
51 this subparagraph leaves elected office, a vacancy exists on the  
52 board to be filled as provided in this subparagraph within 90  
53 days.

54 ~~2. The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority~~  
55 ~~(TBARTA) Metropolitan Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating~~  
56 ~~Committee shall appoint one member to the board who must be a~~  
57 ~~chair of one of the six metropolitan planning organizations in~~  
58 ~~the region. The member appointed under this subparagraph shall~~  
59 ~~serve a 2-year term with not more than three consecutive terms~~  
60 ~~being served by any person.~~

61 2.3.a. Two members of the board shall be the mayor, ~~or the~~  
62 ~~mayor's designee,~~ of the largest municipality within the service  
63 area of each of the following independent transit agencies or  
64 their legislatively created successor agencies: Pinellas  
65 Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area Regional  
66 Transit Authority. The largest municipality is that municipality

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67 with the largest population as determined by the most recent  
68 United States Decennial Census.

69 3. Each of the following independent transit agencies or  
70 their legislatively created successor agencies shall appoint  
71 from the membership of its governing body one member to the  
72 board: Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and Hillsborough Area  
73 Regional Transit Authority. Each member appointed under this  
74 subparagraph shall serve a 2-year term with not more than three  
75 consecutive terms being served by any person. If a member no  
76 longer meets the transit authority's criteria for appointment, a  
77 vacancy exists on the board to be filled as provided in this  
78 subparagraph within 90 days.

79 4. The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
80 House of Representatives shall each appoint to the board one  
81 member from the regional business community, each of whom must  
82 reside in one of the counties governed by the authority and may  
83 not be an elected official. A member initially appointed under  
84 this subparagraph shall serve a 1-year term. Thereafter, a  
85 member appointed under this subparagraph shall serve a 2-year  
86 term with not more than three consecutive terms being served by  
87 any person. A vacancy during a term shall be filled within 90  
88 days in the same manner as the original appointment for the  
89 remainder of the unexpired term.

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

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

95 ~~e. A designee's term ends if the mayor leaves office for~~  
96 ~~any reason. If a designee leaves elected office on the city~~  
97 ~~council or commission, a vacancy exists on the board to be~~  
98 ~~filled by the mayor of that municipality as provided in sub-~~  
99 ~~subparagraph a.~~

100 ~~d. A mayor who has served three consecutive terms on the~~  
101 ~~board must designate an elected official from that largest~~  
102 ~~municipality's city council or city commission to serve on the~~  
103 ~~board for at least one term.~~

104 ~~4.a. One membership on the board shall rotate every 2~~  
105 ~~years between the mayor, or his or her designee, of the largest~~  
106 ~~municipality within Manatee County and the mayor, or his or her~~  
107 ~~designee, of the largest municipality within Sarasota County.~~  
108 ~~The mayor, or his or her designee, from the largest municipality~~  
109 ~~within Manatee County shall serve the first 2-year term. The~~  
110 ~~largest municipality is that municipality with the largest~~  
111 ~~population as determined by the most recent United States~~  
112 ~~Decennial Census.~~

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

116 5. The Governor shall appoint to the board two members

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117 from the regional four business community representatives, each  
118 of whom must reside in one of the ~~seven~~ counties governed by the  
119 authority and, none of whom may not be an elected official  
120 ~~officials, and at least one but not more than two of whom shall~~  
121 ~~represent counties within the federally designated Tampa Bay~~  
122 ~~Transportation Management Area. Of the members initially~~  
123 appointed under this subparagraph, one shall serve a 1-year term  
124 and one shall serve a term as the initial chair as provided in  
125 subsection (5). Thereafter, a member ~~Members~~ appointed under  
126 this subparagraph by the Governor shall serve a 2-year term ~~3-~~  
127 ~~year terms~~ with not more than three ~~two~~ consecutive terms being  
128 served by any person.

129 ~~(e)~~ Appointments may be staggered to avoid mass turnover  
130 at the end of any 2-year or 4-year period. A vacancy during a  
131 term shall be filled ~~by the respective appointing authority~~  
132 within 90 days in the same manner as the original appointment  
133 ~~and only~~ for the remainder of the unexpired term.

134 (3) The members of the board shall serve without  
135 compensation but shall be entitled to receive from the authority  
136 reimbursement for travel expenses and per diem actually incurred  
137 in connection with the business of the authority as provided in  
138 s. 112.061.

139 (4) Members of the board shall comply with the applicable  
140 financial disclosure requirements of ss. 112.3145, 112.3148, and  
141 112.3149.

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142 (5) The Governor shall appoint one of the two members  
143 appointed under subparagraph (2)(b)5. as the initial chair ~~from~~  
144 ~~among the full membership~~ of the board immediately upon their  
145 appointment. ~~In no case may these appointments be made any later~~  
146 ~~than 45 days following the creation of the authority.~~ The  
147 initial chair shall serve ~~will hold this position for~~ a minimum  
148 term of 2 years. The board shall elect a vice chair and  
149 secretary-treasurer from among its members who shall serve a  
150 minimum term of 1 year and shall establish the duties and powers  
151 of those positions during its inaugural meeting. During its  
152 inaugural meeting, the board shall ~~will~~ also establish its rules  
153 of conduct and meeting procedures.

154 (6) At the end of the initial chair's term, the board  
155 shall elect a chair from among its members. The chair shall hold  
156 office at the will of the board. In that election, the board  
157 shall also elect a vice chair and secretary-treasurer.

158 (7) The first meeting of the authority shall be held no  
159 later than 60 days after the creation of the authority.

160 (8) Seven ~~Eight~~ members of the board shall constitute a  
161 quorum, and the vote of seven ~~eight~~ members is necessary for any  
162 action to be taken by the authority. The authority may meet upon  
163 the constitution of a quorum. A vacancy does not impair the  
164 right of a quorum of the board to exercise all rights and the  
165 ability to perform all duties of the authority.

166 (9) Beginning July 1, 2017, the board must evaluate the

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- 167 abolishment, continuance, modification, or establishment of ~~may~~  
168 establish committees for the following committees areas:  
169 (a) Planning committee.  
170 (b) Policy committee.  
171 (c) Finance committee.  
172 (d) Citizens advisory committee.  
173 (e) Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority Metropolitan  
174 Planning Organization Chairs Coordinating Committee.  
175 (f) Transit management committee.  
176 (g) Technical advisory committee.  
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178 The board must submit its recommendations for abolishment,  
179 continuance, modification, or establishment of the committees to  
180 the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
181 Representatives before the beginning of the 2018 Regular  
182 Session.

183 (10) The authority may employ an executive director, an  
184 executive secretary, its own legal counsel and legal staff,  
185 technical experts, engineers, and such employees, permanent or  
186 temporary, as it may require. The authority shall determine the  
187 qualifications and fix the compensation of such persons, firms,  
188 or corporations and may employ a fiscal agent or agents;  
189 however, the authority shall solicit sealed proposals from at  
190 least three persons, firms, or corporations for the performance  
191 of any services as fiscal agents. The authority may, except for

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192 duties specified in chapter 120, delegate its power to one or  
193 more of its agents or employees to carry out the purposes of  
194 this part, subject always to the supervision and control of the  
195 authority.

196 ~~(11)(a) The authority shall establish a Transit Management~~  
197 ~~Committee comprised of the executive directors or general~~  
198 ~~managers, or their designees, of each of the existing transit~~  
199 ~~providers and bay area commuter services.~~

200 ~~(b) The authority shall establish a Citizens Advisory~~  
201 ~~Committee comprised of appointed citizen committee members from~~  
202 ~~each county and transit provider in the region, not to exceed 16~~  
203 ~~members.~~

204 ~~(c) The authority may establish technical advisory~~  
205 ~~committees to provide guidance and advice on regional~~  
206 ~~transportation issues. The authority shall establish the size,~~  
207 ~~composition, and focus of any technical advisory committee~~  
208 ~~created.~~

209 (11)(d) Persons appointed to a committee shall serve  
210 without compensation but may be entitled to per diem or travel  
211 expenses as provided in s. 112.061.

212 Section 5. Subsection (1), paragraph (a) of subsection  
213 (2), subsection (3), subsection (4), and paragraph (g) of  
214 subsection (5) of section 343.922, Florida Statutes, are amended  
215 to read:

216 343.922 Powers and duties.—

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- 217 (1) The express purposes of the authority are to:
- 218 (a) Plan, implement, and operate ~~improve~~ mobility
- 219 improvements and expansions of ~~expand~~ multimodal transportation
- 220 options for passengers and freight throughout the designated
- 221 ~~seven-county Tampa Bay~~ region.
- 222 (b) Produce a regional transit development plan,
- 223 integrating the transit development plans of participant
- 224 counties, to include a prioritization of regionally significant
- 225 transit projects and facilities.
- 226 1. The authority shall provide to the President of the
- 227 Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives, on or
- 228 before the beginning of the 2018 Regular Session, a plan to
- 229 produce the regional transit development plan.
- 230 2. The regional transit development plan prepared by the
- 231 authority shall adhere to guidance and regulations set forth by
- 232 the department or any successor agency, including, but not
- 233 limited to:
- 234 a. Public involvement;
- 235 b. Collection and analysis of socioeconomic data;
- 236 c. Performance evaluation of existing services;
- 237 d. Service design and ridership forecasting; and
- 238 e. Financial planning.
- 239 (c) Serve, with the consent of the Governor or his or her
- 240 designee, as the recipient of federal funds supporting an

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241 intercounty project or an intercounty capital project that  
242 represents a phase of an intercounty regional project

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Remove lines 17-32 and insert:

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Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas Counties

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and any other contiguous county that is party to an agreement of

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participation; revising the definition of the term "commuter

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rail"; amending s. 343.92, F.S.; creating the Tampa Bay Area

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Regional Transit Authority, instead of the Tampa Bay Area

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Regional Transportation Authority; decreasing voting membership

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on the governing board of the authority; requiring the members

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to be appointed within a specified period; revising appointment

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and term requirements of such membership; revising requirements

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for filling vacancies on the board; requiring the Governor to

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appoint an initial chair of the board from one of the two

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members appointed by the Governor; providing that