

Amendment No.

COMMITTEE/SUBCOMMITTEE ACTION

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| ADOPTED               | _____ | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED AS AMENDED    | _____ | (Y/N) |
| ADOPTED W/O OBJECTION | _____ | (Y/N) |
| FAILED TO ADOPT       | _____ | (Y/N) |
| WITHDRAWN             | _____ | (Y/N) |
| OTHER                 |       |       |

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1 Committee/Subcommittee hearing bill: Government Accountability  
 2 Committee

3 Representative Williamson offered the following:

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5 **Amendment (with title amendment)**

6 Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:  
 7 Section 1. Section 339.94, Florida Statutes, is created to  
 8 read:

9 339.94 Garcon Point Bridge; acquisition by the  
 10 department.-

11 (1) The department may acquire the Garcon Point Bridge,  
 12 including related assets, and, as part of such acquisition, may  
 13 purchase or retire outstanding Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority  
 14 bonds. The department may enter into agreements necessary to  
 15 implement the acquisition.

16 (2) The department is authorized to acquire the Garcon

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17 Point Bridge at 50 percent of the total amount owed to the  
18 bondholders as of July 1, 2017, less the amount owed to the  
19 department pursuant to the lease-purchase agreement and its  
20 Toll-Facilities Revolving Trust Fund loan.

21 (3) The acquisition price paid by the department shall  
22 settle all claims of the bondholders of Santa Rosa Bay Bridge  
23 Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1996, and shall cover all claims  
24 by the bondholders against the department and the Santa Rosa Bay  
25 Bridge Authority.

26 (4) Upon acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge, the  
27 lease-purchase agreement dated October 23, 1996, between the  
28 Santa Rosa Bay Bridge Authority and the department, as amended,  
29 is terminated.

30 (5) (a) Upon acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge, the  
31 department shall reset tolls on the Garcon Point Bridge to \$2  
32 per two axle vehicle. Twenty-four months after the department  
33 resets the toll, the department may hold a public hearing in the  
34 county where the bridge is located, regarding tolls on the  
35 Garcon Point Bridge and following the public hearing, may  
36 increase the toll to no more than \$2.50 per two axle vehicle for  
37 a minimum of 24 months.

38 (b) Following the toll increase authorized in paragraph  
39 (a), tolls on the Garcon Point Bridge may not increase by more  
40 than 25 cents per two axle vehicle in any 24-month period and  
41 prior to any toll increase, the department shall hold a public

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42 hearing in the county where the bridge is located.

43 (6) For the 2018-2019 fiscal year only, funding for the  
44 acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge shall be appropriated to  
45 the department in the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 General  
46 Appropriations Act through the work program as developed  
47 pursuant to s. 339.135. Notwithstanding s. 339.135(4) and  
48 339.135(5), funds necessary for the acquisition of the Garcon  
49 Point Bridge shall be taken from the first available revenues in  
50 the State Transportation Trust Fund and not be counted against  
51 any district disproportionately. The authorization in this  
52 subsection is contingent upon an acquisition finalized by  
53 December 31, 2018.

54 (7) Following the acquisition of the bridge, all toll  
55 revenues collected on this toll facility in excess of those  
56 required to fund its operation and maintenance shall be  
57 deposited into the State Transportation Trust Fund.

58 (8) The powers conferred by this section are in addition  
59 and supplemental to the existing powers of the department. This  
60 section does not repeal any of the provisions of any other law,  
61 general, special, or local, and does not supersede, repeal,  
62 rescind, or modify any other law or laws relating to the  
63 department. However, this section supersedes any law or laws  
64 that are inconsistent with the provisions of this section.

65 Section 2. Upon acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge by  
66 the Department of Transportation, part IV of chapter 348,

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67 Florida Statutes, consisting of ss. 348.965-348.9781, Florida  
68 Statutes, is repealed. The department shall notify the Division  
69 of Law Revision and Information upon the completion of the  
70 acquisition of the Garcon Point Bridge.

71 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.  
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75 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

76 Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:  
77 An act relating to the Garcon Point Bridge; creating  
78 s. 339.94, F.S.; authorizing the Department of  
79 Transportation to acquire the Garcon Point Bridge;  
80 providing a maximum price the department is authorized  
81 to pay for the bridge; requiring the settlement of  
82 claims of certain bondholders; reducing the toll on  
83 the bridge; providing limitations on toll rate  
84 increases; requiring certain public hearings;  
85 providing certain appropriations authority; requiring  
86 the deposit of certain funds into the State  
87 Transportation Trust Fund; provides that certain  
88 powers are in addition to and supplemental to existing  
89 powers; providing for repeal of part IV of ch. 348,  
90 F.S., under certain circumstances; providing an  
91 effective date.