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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

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02/08/2023	.	
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The Committee on Transportation (DiCeglie) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 19 - 98

and insert:

Section 2. Effective June 30, 2024, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority is dissolved. The authority shall:

(1) Provide for the discharge of its liabilities. Any liabilities in excess of its assets must be assumed by each county represented on the authority's board in proportion to each county's contribution to the authority in the 2021-2022



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11 fiscal year;

12 (2) Settle and close its affairs, and transfer any pending
13 activities, including, but not limited to, the administration of
14 its vanpool program;

15 (3) Close and appropriately dispense any applicable federal
16 or state grants or funds;

17 (4) Provide for distribution of the authority's remaining
18 assets, if any, such that each county represented on the
19 authority's board receives an amount in proportion to each
20 county's contribution to the authority in the 2021-2022 fiscal
21 year;

22 (5) Provide written notice of final dissolution to the
23 Department of Economic Opportunity and each entity represented
24 on the authority's board; and

25 (6) Forward its records to the Department of State upon
26 final dissolution.

27 Section 3. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section
28 341.302, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

29 341.302 Rail program; duties and responsibilities of the
30 department.—The department, in conjunction with other
31 governmental entities, including the rail enterprise and the
32 private sector, shall develop and implement a rail program of
33 statewide application designed to ensure the proper maintenance,
34 safety, revitalization, and expansion of the rail system to
35 assure its continued and increased availability to respond to
36 statewide mobility needs. Within the resources provided pursuant
37 to chapter 216, and as authorized under federal law, the
38 department shall:

39 (3) Develop and periodically update the rail system plan,



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40 on the basis of an analysis of statewide transportation needs.

41 (b) In recognition of the department's role in the
42 enhancement of the state's rail system to improve freight and
43 passenger mobility, the department shall:

44 1. Work closely with all affected communities along an
45 impacted freight rail corridor to identify and address
46 anticipated impacts associated with an increase in freight rail
47 traffic due to implementation of passenger rail.

48 2. In coordination with the affected local governments and
49 CSX Transportation, Inc., finalize all viable alternatives from
50 the department's Rail Traffic Evaluation Study to identify and
51 develop an alternative route for through freight rail traffic
52 moving through Central Florida, including the counties of Polk
53 and Hillsborough, which would address, to the extent
54 practicable, the effects of commuter rail.

55 3. Provide technical assistance to a coalition of local
56 governments in Central Florida, including the counties of
57 Brevard, Citrus, Hernando, Hillsborough, Lake, Marion, Orange,
58 Osceola, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Manatee, Sarasota, Seminole,
59 Sumter, and Volusia, and the municipalities within those
60 counties, to develop a regional rail system plan that addresses
61 passenger and freight opportunities in the region, is consistent
62 with the Florida Rail System Plan, and incorporates appropriate
63 elements of ~~the Tampa Bay Area Regional Authority Master Plan,~~
64 the Metroplan Orlando Regional Transit System Concept Plan,
65 including the SunRail project, and the Florida Department of
66 Transportation Alternate Rail Traffic Evaluation.

67 Section 4. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this
68 act, this act shall take effect July 1, 2023.



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And the title is amended as follows:

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and insert:

authority to perform specified activities; amending s.
341.302, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made
by the act; providing effective dates.