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LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate

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Senators Dean and Latvala moved the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Between lines 566 and 567

insert:

Section 6. It is the intent of the Legislature to encourage and facilitate a review by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) in order to achieve improvements in regional transit connectivity and implementation of operational efficiencies and service enhancements that are consistent with the regional approach to transit identified in the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's (TBARTA's) Regional Transportation Master Plan. The Legislature finds that such



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14 improvements and efficiencies can best be achieved through a
15 joint review, evaluation, and recommendations by the Pinellas
16 Suncoast Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional
17 Transit Authority.

18 (1) The governing bodies or a designated subcommittee of
19 both the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the
20 Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority shall hold a joint
21 meeting within 30 days after July 1, 2012, and as often as
22 deemed necessary thereafter, in order to consider and identify
23 opportunities for greater efficiency and service improvements,
24 including specific methods for increasing service connectivity
25 between the jurisdictions of each agency. The elements to be
26 reviewed must also include:

27 (a) Governance structure, including governing board
28 membership, terms, responsibilities, officers, powers, duties,
29 and responsibilities;

30 (b) Funding options and implementation;

31 (c) Facilities ownership and management;

32 (d) Current financial obligations and resources; and

33 (e) Actions to be taken that are consistent with the Tampa
34 Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority's master plan.

35 (2) The Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the
36 Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority shall jointly
37 submit a report to the Speaker of the House of Representatives
38 and the President of the Senate on the elements described in
39 this section by February 1, 2013. The report must include
40 proposed legislation to implement each recommendation and
41 specific recommendations concerning the reorganization of each
42 agency, the organizational merger of both agencies, or the



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43 consolidation of functions within and between each agency.
44 (3) The Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority
45 shall assist and facilitate the Pinellas Suncoast Transit
46 Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority
47 in carrying out the purposes of this section. The Tampa Bay Area
48 Regional Transportation Authority shall provide technical
49 assistance and information regarding its master plan, make
50 recommendations for achieving consistency and improved regional
51 connectivity, and provide support to the Pinellas Suncoast
52 Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit
53 Authority in the preparation of their joint report and
54 recommendations to the Legislature. For this purpose, the
55 Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority and the Hillsborough Area
56 Regional Transit Authority shall reimburse the Tampa Bay Area
57 Regional Transportation Authority for necessary and reasonable
58 expense in a total amount not to exceed \$100,000.

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

61 And the title is amended as follows:

62 Delete line 37

63 and insert:

64 seaport projects to use a mitigation bank; providing
65 for a review by the Pinellas Suncoast Transit
66 Authority and the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit
67 Authority to consider and identify opportunities and
68 greater efficiency and service improvements for
69 increasing connectivity between each authority;
70 requiring a report to the Legislature; requiring the
71 Tampa Bay Area Regional Transportation Authority to



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provide assistance; providing