

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

SB 1038 — Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development Council

by Senator Perry

The bill revises the membership of the Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic Development (FSTED) Council to include as a member the port director (or the director's designee) of the Port of Putnam County. The bill increases the total number of members on the FSTED Council from 17 to 18.

Until July 1, 2024, the bill authorizes Putnam County to apply for a grant through the FSTED Council to perform a study examining the economic, technical, and operational viability of the establishment of a port in Putnam County. The bill directs the Council to evaluate the grant application in accordance with existing statutory provisions governing evaluation and selection of projects for funding under the FSTED Program within the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT).

If the grant application is approved, the bill requires the FDOT to include the feasibility study in its annual legislative budget request for funding of the FSTED Program. The Council must review the study upon completion to determine if a port in Putnam County is viable. If the Council does not approve the study, the membership of Putnam County on the FSTED Council terminates.

The bill also reenacts a number of statutory provisions to incorporate amendments made by the bill to the FSTED Council statute.

If approved by the Governor, these provisions take effect July 1, 2022.

Vote: Senate 37-1; House 110-0