

Committee on Transportation

CS/HB 155 — Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority

by Transportation and Modals Subcommittee and Rep. Holcomb and others (CS/SB 198 by Transportation Committee and Senator DiCeglie)

The bill repeals ch. 343, part III, F.S., relating to the creation and operation of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority (TBARTA). The TBARTA is dissolved effective July 1, 2024.

The bill directs the TBARTA to:

- Provide for the discharge of its liabilities. Any liabilities in excess of its assets must be assumed by each county represented on the TBARTA board in proportion to each county's contribution to the TBARTA in the 2021-2022 fiscal year;
- Settle and close its affairs, and transfer any pending activities, including but not limited to, the administration of its vanpool program;
- Close and appropriately dispense any applicable federal or state grants or funds;
- Provide for distribution of its remaining assets, if any, such that each county represented on its board receives an amount in proportion to each entity's contribution to the TBARTA in the 2021-2022 fiscal year;
- Provide written notice of final dissolution to the Department of Economic Opportunity and each entity represented on the TBARTA board; and
- Forward its records to the Department of State upon final dissolution.

If approved by the Governor, or allowed to become law without the Governor's signature, these provisions take effect July 1, 2023.

Vote: Senate 40-0; House 108-0