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Bill No. CS/HB 1397 (2023)

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		CHAMBER ACTION
		<u>Senate</u> <u>House</u>
1		Representative McClure offered the following:
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3		Amendment (with title amendment)
4		Remove everything after the enacting clause and insert:
5		Section 1. (1) The Legislature finds that, given this
6		state's rapid population growth, effective coordination of
7		transportation planning and service delivery, particularly
8		regional transportation mobility, is critical to the safe and
9		efficient development, management, operation, and maintenance of
10		public transit systems. The Legislature questions whether
11		changes to the organizational structure and governance of the
12		Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority (HART) would result
13		in operational efficiencies and improvements to transit
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14	services. It is the intent of the Legislature to explore
15	transformative changes to the policy management structure of
16	HART to achieve organizational efficiencies with the goal of
17	streamlining decisionmaking, improving transparency, and
18	enhancing the effectiveness of local and regional public transit
19	service delivery.
20	(2) The Department of Transportation, or its consultant,
21	shall conduct a study reviewing aspects of HART's organizational
22	structure and operation, including, but not limited to, the
23	following:
24	(a) The HART charter to evaluate the authority's
25	governance structure, including governing board membership,
26	funding, representation, terms, powers, duties, and
27	responsibilities.
28	(b) Financial assets and obligations.
29	(c) Facilities and operations.
30	(d) Issues, advantages, disadvantages, and actions
31	required regarding the dissolution of HART as an agency and
32	options to continue transit services in Hillsborough County in
33	the absence of HART, including service delivery, funding, and
34	asset management.
35	(e) Issues, advantages, disadvantages, and actions
36	required regarding collaboration, consolidation, or merger with
37	other transportation service providers in the Tampa Bay region
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38	within or adjacent to Hillsborough County, including service
39	delivery, funding, and asset management.
40	(f) Policies adopted by the HART governing board and the
41	proposal of amendments thereto related to governance, roles, and
42	responsibilities of governing board officers, the executive
43	administrator or chief executive officer, and the general
44	<u>counsel.</u>
45	(g) Any other matters deemed necessary or appropriate by
46	the department.
47	(3) By January 1, 2024, the department shall submit a
48	report detailing the results of the study to the Governor, the
49	President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House of
50	Representatives.
51	Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.
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54	TITLE AMENDMENT
55	Remove everything before the enacting clause and insert:
56	A bill to be entitled
57	An act relating to regional transportation planning;
58	providing legislative findings and intent; requiring
59	the Department of Transportation to conduct a study of
60	the organizational structure and operation of the
61	Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority;
62	specifying requirements of the study; requiring the
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63 department to submit a specified report to the64 Governor and Legislature; providing an effective date.

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