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Quick background – the bill that the House passed in 2011 was Cooper’s H.3709, which passed 70-27 in the House on April 13<sup>th</sup> and wasn’t acted upon by the Senate (Judiciary). Worth noting that it went through Ways & Means in 2011.

I also wanted to point out that the 2011 bill put both the Arts Commission and the State Museum Commission into PRT, so that’s different than what we pitched in the budget this year. The two commissions remain separate and distinct from each other and continue to survive within PRT.

This varies from what I understand we’re pitching, which is to have a joint Arts/Museum Commission and to not touch PRT in any way. So I don’t think we’re opposed to the 2011 bill appearing again, but it’s different in several important respects than what the budget proposed.

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