

THE FLORIDA SENATE
2022 SUMMARY OF LEGISLATION PASSED
Committee on Transportation

HB 631 — Airport Funding

by Rep. Grall (SB 780 by Senator Hutson)

The bill expands the public airports eligible for higher funding levels for master planning and eligible aviation development projects by the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT). Currently, the higher funding is dependent on the availability of federal funds. If federal funds are not available, the FDOT may fund up to 80 percent of such projects and a 20 percent local match is required. If federal funds are available, the FDOT may fund up to 80 percent of the non-federal share of such projects, or 80 percent of the local match requirement. This funding is currently limited to airports that have no scheduled commercial service.

The bill revises this restriction so that the 80 percent funding levels are limited to:

- General aviation airports, or
- Commercial service airports that have fewer than 100,000 passenger boardings per year as determined by the Federal Aviation Administration.

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

Vote: Senate 38-0; House 107-0