

By the Committee on Commerce and Economic Opportunities and  
Senator Williams

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to air carriers; directing the  
3           Department of Management Services to evaluate  
4           the state contract for air carrier service for  
5           state employees, to undertake a pilot program,  
6           and to adopt purchasing guidelines; directing  
7           the Office of Program Policy Analysis and  
8           Government Accountability to review the impact  
9           of the pilot program and report to the  
10          Legislature; directing Enterprise Florida,  
11          Inc., to complete a review of the impact of  
12          regional airports on economic development in  
13          the state; providing an effective date.  
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15          WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Florida to  
16          attract and retain quality affordable air carrier service for  
17          its citizens, and  
18          WHEREAS, dependable and affordable air service is an  
19          important factor in stimulating economic development and  
20          promoting efficient and accountable government service, and  
21          WHEREAS, citizens require affordable and efficient  
22          access to state government and elected officials in the state  
23          capital to promote an open democracy, and  
24          WHEREAS, safe and affordable air travel from the state  
25          capital to all parts of Florida is necessary to ensure the  
26          continued operation of state programs, and  
27          WHEREAS, incentives need to be identified to attract  
28          and retain quality air service to the state capital from all  
29          major airports in Florida to meet the needs of government and  
30          industry, and  
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1           WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to provide  
2 support to air carriers that provide this valuable service,  
3 NOW, THEREFORE,

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5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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7           Section 1. State air carrier contract.--Pursuant to  
8 section 287.042, Florida Statutes, the Department of  
9 Management Services shall analyze and evaluate the state  
10 contract for air carrier service for state employees to  
11 determine how to improve the quality, availability, and cost  
12 of air service to state employees and other citizens. The  
13 department shall undertake a pilot program for up to a 3-year  
14 period based on this analysis which shall include, but is not  
15 limited to, the suspension of any such contract and the  
16 provision of any incentives necessary to attract qualified air  
17 carriers flying within Florida to and from the state capital.  
18 In lieu of the provisions of section 112.061(7)(a)2., Florida  
19 Statutes, and notwithstanding section 287.042(2), Florida  
20 Statutes, or any law or rule to the contrary, in implementing  
21 this pilot program the Department of Management Services, in  
22 consultation with the Department of Banking and Finance, shall  
23 adopt guidelines for good purchasing practices in acquiring  
24 air carrier services to and from the state capital. The Office  
25 of Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability shall  
26 review the effects and fiscal impact of the pilot program.  
27 The report shall include, but is not limited to, information  
28 on and analyses of additional costs incurred and savings  
29 realized by state agencies, including per diem, subsistence,  
30 productivity and time of the travelers, and cost of airfare.  
31 The office shall provide the Legislature with a preliminary

1 report prior to the 1999 Regular Session and annually  
2 thereafter prior to each regular session during the existence  
3 of the pilot program.

4 Section 2. Review of impact of regional  
5 airports.--Enterprise Florida, Inc., is directed to undertake  
6 and complete a review on the impact of regional airports on  
7 economic development in the state. The review shall contain,  
8 but is not limited to, findings on the impact of regional  
9 airports on the following: regional and local economies;  
10 regional and local economic development efforts; and new and  
11 expanding manufacturing facilities.

12 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 1998.

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14 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
15 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
16 Senate Bill 1846

17 The committee substitute differs from the original bill in the  
18 following ways:

19 Deletes the exemption from the states sales tax on all labor  
20 charges for the repair and maintenance of aircraft of more  
21 than 15,000 pounds maximum certified takeoff weight, thus  
22 maintaining the current exemption for those aircraft of more  
23 than 20,000 pounds maximum takeoff weight;

24 Deletes the exemption from the states sales tax on replacement  
25 engines, parts, and equipment used in the repair or  
26 maintenance of aircraft of more than 15,000 pounds maximum  
27 certified takeoff weight;

28 Deletes the provision which allows up to 20 percent of the  
29 assistance provided by the Department of Transportation for  
30 each airport's work program budget to improve scheduled  
31 airline service;

Deletes the provision which states that projects that are  
designed to improve scheduled air service to and from the  
state capital to increase access by citizens to state  
government shall be deemed to be of statewide importance; and

Requires the Office of Program Policy Analysis and Government  
Accountability to review the effects and fiscal impact of the  
pilot program while directing Enterprise Florida, Inc., to  
complete a review on the impact of regional airports on  
economic development in the State of Florida.