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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; authorizing the department to
 11 reinstate certain contracts under certain
 12 circumstances; directing Enterprise Florida,
 13 Inc., to complete a review of the impact of
 14 regional airports on economic development in
 15 the state; providing an effective date.

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 17 WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Florida to
 18 attract and retain quality affordable air carrier service for
 19 its citizens, and

20 WHEREAS, dependable and affordable air service is an
 21 important factor in stimulating economic development and
 22 promoting efficient and accountable government service, and

23 WHEREAS, citizens require affordable and efficient
 24 access to state government and elected officials in the state
 25 capital to promote an open democracy, and

26 WHEREAS, safe and affordable air travel from the state
 27 capital to all parts of Florida is necessary to ensure the
 28 continued operation of state programs, and

29 WHEREAS, incentives need to be identified to attract
 30 and retain quality air service to the state capital from all

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1 major airports in Florida to meet the needs of government and
2 industry, and

3 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to provide
4 support to air carriers that provide this valuable service,
5 NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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

1 productivity and time of the travelers, and cost of airfare.
2 If, within 6 months after implementing such pilot program, the
3 office determines that the travel costs to state government
4 have increased by at least 20 percent, the department may
5 reinstate any portion of the state contract. The office shall
6 provide the Legislature with a preliminary report prior to the
7 1999 Regular Session and annually thereafter prior to each
8 regular session during the existence of the pilot program.

9 Section 2. Review of impact of regional
10 airports.--Enterprise Florida, Inc., is directed to undertake
11 and complete a review on the impact of regional airports on
12 economic development in the state. The review shall contain,
13 but is not limited to, findings on the impact of regional
14 airports on the following: regional and local economies;
15 regional and local economic development efforts; and new and
16 expanding manufacturing facilities. A report, including the
17 results of this review, shall be transmitted to the President
18 of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives
19 no later than February 1, 1999.

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

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22 STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN
23 COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR
24 CS/SB 1846

25 The Department of Management Services is authorized to
26 reinstate the state air carrier contract if, after
27 implementing the pilot program, it is found that travel costs
28 to the state have increased by at least 20 percent. The bill
29 also requires that a report including the results of
30 Enterprise Florida's review of the impact of regional airports
31 is to be transmitted to the President of the Senate and the
Speaker of the House no later than February 1, 1999.