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CS/HB 3393

By the Committee on Business Development & International Trade and Representatives Turnbull, King, Valdes, Feeney and Gay

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, undertake a pilot program, and
6	adopt purchasing guidelines; directing the
7	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 of Florida; providing an effective
14	date.
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16	WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of Florida to
17	attract and retain quality affordable air carrier service for
18	its citizens, and
19	WHEREAS, dependable and affordable air service is an
20	important factor in stimulating economic development and
21	promoting efficient and accountable government service, and
22	WHEREAS, citizens require affordable and efficient
23	access to state government and elected officials in the state
24	capital to promote an open democracy, and
25	WHEREAS, safe and affordable air travel from the state
26	capital to all parts of Florida is necessary to ensure the
27	continued operation of state programs, and
28	WHEREAS, incentives need to be identified to attract
29	and retain quality air service to the state capital from all
30	major airports in Florida to meet the needs of government and
31	industry, and
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WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to provide 1 2 support to air carriers that provide this valuable service, 3 NOW, THEREFORE, 4 5 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida: б 7 Section 1. State air carrier contract.--Pursuant to s. 8 287.042, Florida Statutes, the Department of Management 9 Services shall analyze and evaluate the state contract for air carrier service for state employees to determine how to 10 11 improve the quality, availability, and cost of air service to 12 state employees and other citizens. The department shall 13 undertake a pilot program for up to a 3-year period based on 14 this analysis that shall include, but is not limited to, the suspension of any such contract and the provision of any 15 16 incentives necessary to attract qualified air carriers flying within Florida to and from the state capital. In lieu of the 17 provisions of s. 112.061(7)(a)2., Florida Statutes, and 18 19 notwithstanding s. 287.042(2), Florida Statutes, or any law or 20 rule to the contrary, in implementing this pilot program the Department of Management Services, in consultation with the 21 Department of Banking and Finance, shall adopt guidelines for 22 good purchasing practices in acquiring air carrier services to 23 and from the state capital. The Office of Program Policy 24 Analysis and Government Accountability shall review the 25 26 effects and fiscal impact of the pilot program. The report shall include, but not be limited to, information on and 27 28 analyses of additional costs incurred and savings realized by state agencies, including per diem, subsistence, productivity 29 and time of the travelers, and cost of airfare. The office 30 31 shall provide the Legislature with a preliminary report prior 2

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to the 1999 Regular Session, and annually thereafter prior to each regular session during the existence of the pilot program. Section 2. Review of impact of regional airports.--Enterprise Florida, Inc., is directed to undertake and complete a review on the impact of regional airports on economic development in the State of Florida. The review shall contain, but is not limited to, findings on the impact of regional airports on the following: regional and local economies; regional and local economic development efforts; and new and expanding manufacturing facilities. Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the year in which enacted. **CODING:**Words stricken are deletions; words underlined are additions.