

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

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

1 to the 1999 Regular Session, and annually thereafter prior to  
2 each regular session during the existence of the pilot  
3 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 of Florida. The review  
8 shall contain, but is not limited to, findings on the impact  
9 of regional airports on the following: regional and local  
10 economies; regional and local economic development efforts;  
11 and new and expanding manufacturing facilities. A report,  
12 including the results of this review, shall be transmitted to  
13 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House no later  
14 than February 1, 1999.

15 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1 of the  
16 year in which enacted.