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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; 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 of Florida; providing an effective
16 date.

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

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

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

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

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

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

1 and time of the travelers, and cost of airfare. If, within 6
2 months after implementing such pilot program, the office
3 determines that the travel costs to state government have
4 increased by at least 20 percent, the department may reinstate
5 any portion of the state contract. The office shall provide
6 the Legislature with a preliminary report prior to the 1999
7 Regular Session, and annually thereafter prior to each regular
8 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 of Florida. The review
13 shall contain, but is not limited to, findings on the impact
14 of regional airports on the following: regional and local
15 economies; regional and local economic development efforts;
16 and new and expanding manufacturing facilities. A report,
17 including the results of this review, shall be transmitted to
18 the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House no later
19 than February 1, 1999.

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