

By Senator Diaz de la Portilla

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1                           A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to economic development;  
3           expressing the legislative intent to authorize  
4           the creation of an airport authority in a  
5           charter county in order to enhance the movement  
6           of passengers and cargo in support of economic  
7           development; specifying that the creation of  
8           such authority shall be subject to approval by  
9           referendum; providing an effective date.

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

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13           Section 1. The Legislature finds that the successful  
14 economic development of the state depends upon the efficient  
15 and effective movement of passengers and cargo through the  
16 airports of the state. Such movement of passengers and cargo  
17 is critical to the continued development of the tourism sector  
18 and the international business sector, which are two of the  
19 largest sources of job-creation in the state. In order to  
20 facilitate and enhance such activities, it is the intent of  
21 the Legislature to authorize the creation of an airport  
22 authority in a county as defined by section 125.011(1),  
23 Florida Statutes, which has a population that exceeds 1.5  
24 million individuals. It further is the intent of the  
25 Legislature that the creation of such airport authority be  
26 subject to approval by the electors of the county in a  
27 referendum.

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29           Section 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a  
30 law.

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SENATE SUMMARY

Expresses the legislative intent to authorize the creation of airport authorities in certain charter counties pursuant to a referendum of the electors of that county.