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Senator Diaz de la Portilla moved the following **amendment to amendment** (323378):

**Senate Amendment (with title amendment)**

On page 66, between lines 23 and 24,

insert:

Section 58. Sections 332.201, 332.202, 332.203, 332.204, 332.205, 332.206, 332.207, 332.208, 332.209, 332.210, and 332.211, Florida Statutes, are created to read:

332.201 Short title.--Sections 332.201-332.211 may be cited as the "Florida Airport Authority Act."

332.202 Definitions.--As used in this act, the term:

(1) "Agency of the state" means and includes the state and any department of, or corporation, agency, or instrumentality created, designated, or established by, the state.

(2) "Airport" means any area of land or water, or any manmade object or facility located therein, which is used, or intended for public use, for the landing and takeoff of aircraft, and any appurtenant areas which are used, or

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1 intended for public use, for airport buildings or other  
2 airport facilities or rights-of-way.

3 (3) "Airport system" means any and all airports within  
4 the geographic boundaries of an airport authority established  
5 pursuant to this act and appurtenant facilities thereto,  
6 including, but not limited to, all approaches, roads, bridges,  
7 and avenues of access for such airport.

8 (4) "Authority" means an airport authority established  
9 pursuant to this act which is a body politic and corporate and  
10 a public instrumentality.

11 (5) "Bonds" means and includes the notes, bonds,  
12 refunding bonds, or other evidences of indebtedness or  
13 obligations, in either temporary or definitive form, which an  
14 authority issues pursuant to this act.

15 (6) "Department" means the Department of  
16 Transportation.

17 (7) "Division" means the Division of Bond Finance of  
18 the State Board of Administration.

19 (8) "Express written consent" means prior express  
20 written consent given in the form of a resolution adopted by a  
21 board of county commissioners.

22 (9) "Federal agency" means and includes the United  
23 States, the President of the United States, and any department  
24 of, or corporation, agency, or instrumentality created,  
25 designated, or established by, the United States.

26 332.203 Airport authority; formation; membership.--

27 (1) Any county having a population of more than 2.1  
28 million people shall at the countywide election hold a  
29 referendum in which the electors shall decide whether to form  
30 an airport authority, which shall be an agency of the state,  
31 pursuant to this act.

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1           (2) The governing body of the authority shall consist  
2 of seven voting members, two of whom shall be appointed by the  
3 Governor subject to confirmation by the Senate. Each member of  
4 the governing body must at all times during his or her term of  
5 office be a permanent resident of the county which he or she  
6 is appointed to represent.

7           (a) The two members of the governing body appointed by  
8 the Governor, subject to confirmation by the Senate, shall  
9 serve terms of 4 years. Such persons may not hold elective  
10 office during their terms of office.

11           (b) Two members shall be appointed by the County  
12 Ethics Commission.

13           (c) One member shall be appointed by the County Mayor.

14           (d) Two members shall be appointed by the County  
15 Commission. At least one of the members appointed by the  
16 County Commission must possess expertise in airport security.

17           (3)(a) The governing body of each authority shall  
18 elect one of its members as its chair and shall elect a  
19 secretary and a treasurer, who need not be members of the  
20 authority. The chair, secretary, and treasurer shall hold  
21 their offices at the will of the governing body. A simple  
22 majority of the governing body constitutes a quorum, and the  
23 vote of a majority of those members present is necessary for  
24 the governing body to take any action. A vacancy on a  
25 governing body shall not impair the right of a quorum of the  
26 governing body to exercise all of the rights and perform all  
27 of the duties of the authority.

28           (b) Upon the effective date of his or her appointment,  
29 or as soon thereafter as practicable, each appointed member of  
30 a governing body shall enter upon his or her duties.

31           (4)(a) An authority may employ an executive secretary,

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1 an executive director, its own counsel and legal staff,  
 2 technical experts, and such engineers and employees, permanent  
 3 or temporary, as it may require and shall determine the  
 4 qualifications and fix the compensation of such persons,  
 5 firms, or corporations. An authority may employ a fiscal agent  
 6 or agents; however, the authority must solicit sealed  
 7 proposals from at least three persons, firms, or corporations  
 8 for the performance of any services as fiscal agent. An  
 9 authority may delegate to one or more of its agents or  
 10 employees such of its power as it deems necessary to carry out  
 11 the purposes of this act, subject always to the supervision  
 12 and control of the authority.

13 (b) Members of the governing body of an authority may  
 14 be removed from office by the Governor for misconduct,  
 15 malfeasance, misfeasance, or nonfeasance in office.

16 (c) Members of the governing body of an authority are  
 17 entitled to receive from the authority their travel and other  
 18 necessary expenses incurred in connection with the business of  
 19 the authority as provided in s. 112.061, but they may not draw  
 20 salaries or other compensation.

21 (d) Members of the governing body of an authority  
 22 shall be required to comply with the applicable financial  
 23 disclosure requirements of ss. 112.3144, 112.3148, and  
 24 112.3149.

25 (5) No member or spouse shall be the holder of the  
 26 stocks or bonds of any company, other than through ownership  
 27 of shares in a mutual fund, regulated by the authority, or any  
 28 affiliated company of any company regulated by the authority,  
 29 or be an agent or employee of, or have any interest in, any  
 30 company regulated by the authority or any affiliated company  
 31 of any company regulated by the authority, or in any firm

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1 which represents in any capacity either companies which are  
2 regulated by the authority or affiliates of companies  
3 regulated by the authority. As a condition of appointment to  
4 the council, each appointee shall affirm to the Speaker and  
5 the President his or her qualification by the following  
6 certification: "I hereby certify that I am not a stockholder,  
7 other than through ownership of shares in a mutual fund, in  
8 any company regulated by the authority or in any affiliate of  
9 a company regulated by the authority, nor in any way, directly  
10 or indirectly, in the employment of, or engaged in the  
11 management of any company regulated by the authority or any  
12 affiliate of a company regulated by the authority, or in any  
13 firm which represents in any capacity either companies which  
14 are regulated by the authority or affiliates of companies  
15 regulated by the authority." A member of the authority shall  
16 not contribute to the campaign account of any elected  
17 official, nor solicit any campaign contributions for any  
18 elected official.

19 332.204 Purposes and powers.--

20 (1)(a) An authority created and established pursuant  
21 to this act may acquire, hold, construct, improve, maintain,  
22 operate, own, and lease an airport system.

23 (b) Construction of an airport system may be completed  
24 by an authority in segments, phases, or stages, in a manner  
25 which will permit the expansion of these segments, phases, or  
26 stages to the desired airport configuration. Each authority,  
27 in the construction of an airport system, may construct any  
28 extensions of, additions to, or improvements to, the airport  
29 system or appurtenant facilities, including all necessary  
30 approaches, roads, bridges, and avenues of access, with such  
31 changes, modifications, or revisions of the project that are

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1 deemed desirable and proper. An authority may only add  
2 additional airports to an airport system, under the terms and  
3 conditions set forth in this act, with the prior express  
4 written consent of the board of county commissioners of each  
5 county located within the geographic boundaries of the  
6 authority, and only if such additional airports are  
7 financially feasible, and are compatible with the existing  
8 plans, projects, and programs of the authority.

9 (2) Each authority may exercise all powers necessary,  
10 appurtenant, convenient, or incidental to the carrying out of  
11 its purposes, including, but not limited to, the following  
12 rights and powers:

13 (a) To sue and be sued, implead and be impleaded, and  
14 complain and defend in all courts.

15 (b) To adopt, use, and alter at will a corporate seal.

16 (c) To acquire, purchase, hold, lease as lessee, and  
17 use any franchise or property, real, personal, or mixed,  
18 tangible or intangible, or any interest therein necessary or  
19 desirable for carrying out the purposes of the authority and  
20 to sell, lease as lessor, transfer, and dispose of any  
21 property or interest therein at any time acquired by it.

22 (d) To enter into and make leases, either as lessee or  
23 as lessor, in order to carry out the right to lease as set  
24 forth in this act.

25 (e) To fix, alter, charge, establish, and collect  
26 rates, fees, rentals, and other charges for the services and  
27 facilities of the airport system, which rates, fees, rentals,  
28 and other charges must always be sufficient to comply with any  
29 covenants made with the holders of any bonds issued pursuant  
30 to this act.

31 (f) To borrow money, make and issue negotiable notes,

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1 bonds, refund bonds and other evidence of indebtedness, either  
2 in temporary or definitive form, of the authority, which bonds  
3 or other evidence of indebtedness may be issued pursuant to  
4 the State Bond Act, to finance an airport system within the  
5 geographic boundaries of the authority, and to provide for the  
6 security of the bonds or other evidence of indebtedness and  
7 the rights and remedies of the holders of the bonds or other  
8 evidence of indebtedness. Any bonds or other evidence of  
9 indebtedness pledging the full faith and credit of the state  
10 shall only be issued pursuant to the State Bond Act.

11 (g) To enter into contracts and to execute all  
12 instruments necessary or convenient for the carrying on of its  
13 business.

14 (h) Without limitation of the foregoing, to borrow  
15 money and accept grants from, and to enter into contracts,  
16 leases, or other transactions with, any federal agency, the  
17 state, any agency of the state or county, or any other public  
18 body of the state.

19 (i) To have the power of eminent domain, including the  
20 procedural powers granted under chapters 73 and 74.

21 (j) To pledge, hypothecate, or otherwise encumber all  
22 or any part of the revenues, rates, fees, rentals, or other  
23 charges or receipts of the authority, as security for all or  
24 any of the obligations of the authority.

25 (k) To do all acts and things necessary or convenient  
26 for the conduct of its business and the general welfare of the  
27 authority in order to carry out the powers granted to it by  
28 law.

29 (l) An airport authority may consider any unsolicited  
30 proposals from private entities and all factors it deems  
31 important in evaluating such proposals. The airport authority

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1 shall adopt rules or policies in compliance with s. 334.30 for  
2 the receipt, evaluation, and consideration of such proposals  
3 in order to enter into agreements for the planning design,  
4 engineering, construction, operation, ownership, or financing  
5 of its airport system. Such rules must require substantially  
6 similar technical information as is required by Rule  
7 14-107.0011(3)(a)-(e), Florida Administrative Code. In  
8 accepting a proposal and entering into such an agreement, the  
9 airport authority and the private entity shall for all  
10 purposes be deemed to have complied with chapters 255 and 287.  
11 Similar proposals shall be reviewed and acted on by the  
12 authority in the order in which they were received. An  
13 additional airport may only be constructed under this  
14 paragraph with state and federal approval, and with the prior  
15 express written consent of the board of county commissioners  
16 of each county located within the geographical boundaries of  
17 the authority.

18 (3) The use or pledge of any portion of county tax  
19 funds may not be made without the prior express written  
20 consent of the board of county commissioners of each county  
21 located within the geographic boundaries of the authority.

22 (4) Any authority formed pursuant to this act shall  
23 comply with all statutory requirements of general application  
24 which relate to the filing of any report or documentation  
25 required by law, including the requirements of ss. 189.4085,  
26 189.415, 189.417, and 189.418.

27 (5) No airport authority shall undertake any  
28 construction that is not consistent with federal aviation  
29 requirements, the statewide aviation system plan, and the  
30 county's comprehensive plan.

31 (6) The governing body of the county may enter into an



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1 interlocal agreement with an authority pursuant to chapter 163  
2 for the joint performance or performance by either  
3 governmental entity of any corporate function of the county or  
4 authority necessary or appropriate to enable the authority to  
5 fulfill the powers and purposes of this act and promote the  
6 efficient and effective transportation of persons and goods in  
7 such county.

8 332.205 Bonds.--With the prior express written consent  
9 of the board of county commissioners of each county located  
10 within the geographic boundaries of an authority, bonds may be  
11 issued on behalf of an authority as provided by the State Bond  
12 Act.

13 332.206 County may be appointed agent of authority for  
14 construction.--The county may be appointed by the authority as  
15 its agent for the purpose of constructing improvements to an  
16 airport system and for the completion thereof. In such event,  
17 the authority shall provide the county with complete copies of  
18 all documents, agreements, resolutions, contracts, and  
19 instruments relating thereto; shall request the county to do  
20 such construction work, including the planning, surveying, and  
21 actual construction of the completion and improvements to the  
22 airport system; and shall transfer to the credit of an account  
23 of the county the necessary funds therefor.

24 332.207 Acquisition of lands and property.--  
25 (1) For the purposes of this act, an airport authority  
26 may acquire private or public property and property rights,  
27 including rights of access, air, view, and light, by gift,  
28 devise, purchase, or condemnation by eminent domain  
29 proceedings, as the authority may deem necessary for any of  
30 the purposes of this act, including, but not limited to, any  
31 lands reasonably necessary for securing applicable permits,

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1 areas necessary for management of access, borrow pits,  
2 drainage ditches, water retention areas, replacement access  
3 for landowners whose access is impaired due to the improvement  
4 of an airport system, and replacement rights-of-way for  
5 relocated rail and utility facilities; or for existing,  
6 proposed, or anticipated transportation facilities within the  
7 airport system. The authority may also condemn any material  
8 and property necessary for such purposes.

9 (2) The right of eminent domain conferred by this act  
10 must be exercised by an authority in the manner provided by  
11 law.

12 332.208 Cooperation with other units, boards,  
13 agencies, and individuals.--Express authority and power is  
14 given and granted to any county, municipality, drainage  
15 district, road and bridge district, school district, or other  
16 political subdivision, board, commission, or individual in or  
17 of this state to enter into contracts, leases, conveyances, or  
18 other agreements within the provisions and purposes of this  
19 act with an authority. An authority may enter into contracts,  
20 leases, conveyances, and other agreements, to the extent  
21 consistent with this chapter and chapters 330, 331, and 333  
22 and other provisions of the laws of the state, with any  
23 political subdivision, agency, or instrumentality of the state  
24 and any federal agency, corporation, and individual, for the  
25 purpose of carrying out the provisions of this act.

26 332.209 Covenant of the state.--The state does hereby  
27 pledge to, and agrees with, any person, firm, corporation, or  
28 federal or state agency subscribing to or acquiring the bonds  
29 to be issued by an authority for the purposes of this act that  
30 the state will not limit or alter the rights hereby vested in  
31 an authority and the department until all bonds at any time

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1 issued, together with the interest thereon, are fully paid and  
2 discharged, insofar as the same affects the rights of the  
3 holders of bonds issued hereunder. The state does further  
4 pledge to, and agrees with, the United States that, in the  
5 event any federal agency constructs, or contributes any funds  
6 for the completion, extension, or improvement of, an airport  
7 system or any part or portion thereof, the state will not  
8 alter or limit the rights and powers of an authority and the  
9 department in any manner which would be inconsistent with the  
10 continued maintenance and operation of the airport system or  
11 the completion, extension, or improvement thereof or which  
12 would be inconsistent with the due performance of any  
13 agreement between the authority and any such federal agency,  
14 and the authority and the department shall continue to have  
15 and may exercise all powers granted so long as the same shall  
16 be necessary or desirable for carrying out the purposes of  
17 this act and the purposes of the United States in the  
18 completion, extension, or improvement of the airport system or  
19 any part or portion thereof.

20 332.210 Exemption from taxation.--The effectuation of  
21 the authorized purposes of an airport authority is in all  
22 respects for the benefit of the people of the state, for the  
23 increase of their commerce and prosperity, and for the  
24 improvement of their health and living conditions. For this  
25 reason, an authority is not required to pay any taxes or  
26 assessments of any kind or nature whatsoever upon any property  
27 acquired by it or used by it for such purposes or upon any  
28 revenues at any time received by it. The bonds issued by or on  
29 behalf of an authority, their transfer, and the income  
30 therefrom, including any profits made on the sale thereof, are  
31 exempt from taxation of any kind by the state or by any

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1 political subdivision or other taxing agency or  
2 instrumentality thereof. The exemption granted by this section  
3 does not apply to any tax imposed under chapter 220 on  
4 interest, income, or profits on debt obligations owned by  
5 corporations.

6 332.211 Exemption from applicability.--This act does  
7 not apply in a county in which an authority has been created  
8 pursuant to a general or special act of the Legislature for  
9 the purpose of owning, building, or operating an airport.

10 Section 59. The provisions of the Florida Airport  
11 Authority Act, sections 332.201-332.211, Florida Statutes,  
12 shall not apply to any county that has created its own airport  
13 authority.

14 Section 60. Members of the authority created pursuant  
15 to the Florida Airport Authority Act, sections  
16 332.201-332.211, Florida Statutes, shall file full and public  
17 disclosure of financial interests pursuant to section  
18 112.3144, Florida Statutes.

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20 (Redesignate subsequent sections.)

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23 ===== T I T L E A M E N D M E N T =====

24 And the title is amended as follows:

25 On page 77, line 12, after the semicolon

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27 insert:

28 creating ss. 332.201, 332.202, 332.203,  
29 332.204, 332.205, 332.206, 332.207, 332.208,  
30 332.209, 332.210, and 332.211, F.S.; creating  
31 the Florida Airport Authority Act; providing

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1 definitions; providing that certain counties  
2 shall form an airport authority; providing that  
3 certain former military facilities redeveloped  
4 and operated as an airport shall be redeveloped  
5 and operated by an authority under the act, and  
6 providing for membership of the governing body  
7 of such authorities; providing for appointment  
8 of members of the governing body of an  
9 authority; providing for officers, employees,  
10 expenses, removal from office, and application  
11 of financial disclosure provisions; providing  
12 purposes and powers of an authority; providing  
13 restrictions on authority powers; providing for  
14 issuance of bonds; providing that the county  
15 may be appointed as an authority's agent for  
16 construction; providing for acquisition of  
17 lands and property; providing for cooperation  
18 with other units, boards, agencies, and  
19 individuals; providing a covenant of the state  
20 with respect to bond issuance and agreements  
21 with federal agencies; providing an exemption  
22 from taxation; providing for applicability;  
23 requiring members of the authority to file  
24 financial disclosure;

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