

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Productivity;  
and Commerce and Consumer Services

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1                                   A bill to be entitled  
2           An act relating to the aerospace industry;  
3           creating the Commission on the Future of Space  
4           in Florida; providing for membership and  
5           organization of the commission; providing  
6           procedures for action by the commission;  
7           authorizing the commission to appoint an  
8           executive director; providing for  
9           administrative and staff assistance from the  
10          Department of Transportation; providing for  
11          compensation of consultants; providing duties  
12          of the commission; requiring the commission to  
13          identify, examine, and review certain  
14          information related to aerospace and the  
15          aerospace industry; authorizing the commission  
16          to appoint technical advisory committees;  
17          authorizing reimbursement of travel expenses;  
18          requiring a certain number of meetings in  
19          various regions of the state; directing certain  
20          agencies and requesting other agencies to  
21          render assistance and cooperation; requiring  
22          preliminary and final reports; requiring the  
23          Department of Transportation to prepare  
24          legislative recommendations consistent with the  
25          report; abolishing the commission; providing an  
26          expiration date; providing for an  
27          appropriation; providing an effective date.

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29           WHEREAS, the aerospace industry comprises an important  
30          segment of Florida's present and future economy, and  
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1           WHEREAS, intense nationwide and international  
2 competition for the future development of this industry is  
3 already underway, and

4           WHEREAS, the diversification of Florida's commercial,  
5 civil, and military aerospace industry and the strengthening  
6 of Florida's space-related research and development  
7 initiatives, including initiatives related to commercial,  
8 civil, and military space, are critical components of the  
9 future of Florida's aerospace industry, and

10           WHEREAS, Florida must ensure that the state is  
11 optimally positioned for NASA's new Vision for Space  
12 Exploration, and

13           WHEREAS, effective action and the necessary  
14 coordination of Florida's space-related resources must be  
15 based on a reliable assessment of the present climate for the  
16 aerospace industry in the state, and

17           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds there is a need to  
18 comprehensively consider the various options available for  
19 legislative action related to the multibillion-dollar  
20 aerospace industry in this state, NOW, THEREFORE,

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

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24           Section 1. Commission on the Future of Space in  
25 Florida.--

26           (1) The Commission on the Future of Space in Florida  
27 is created. The commission shall be composed of 15 voting  
28 members, 9 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3 of whom  
29 are appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3 of whom  
30 are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
31 In consultation with the Florida Congressional Delegation, the

1 Governor shall appoint two members of the delegation or their  
2 designees to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the  
3 commission. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
4 Transportation, executive director of the Florida Space  
5 Authority, and director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation  
6 or their designees shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting  
7 members of the commission. The Governor's appointments must  
8 include one appointment from each of the following groups:

9 (a) Aerospace manufacturing.

10 (b) Aerospace operations and maintenance.

11 (c) Aerospace finance.

12 (d) Aerospace research.

13 (e) Aerospace defense.

14 (f) Commercial aerospace services.

15 (g) An aerospace business with fewer than 250  
16 employees.

17 (h) Enterprise Florida, Inc.

18 (i) Aerospace education.

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20 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
21 Representatives shall each select one appointee from three of  
22 the groups listed in paragraphs (a)-(i) and, in addition,  
23 shall each appoint one member from their respective chambers  
24 of the Legislature to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.  
25 Appointments under this subsection shall be made before July  
26 31, 2005, and the first meeting shall be held no later than  
27 September 1, 2005. The chair of the commission shall be  
28 elected from among the voting members by majority vote of the  
29 membership at its first meeting. Meetings shall be held upon  
30 the call of the chair but not less frequently than monthly.  
31 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission

1 shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
2 appointment.

3 (2) Each voting member of the commission is entitled  
4 to one vote, and action of the commission requires a majority  
5 vote of the voting members present. Action may not be taken if  
6 less than a majority of all voting members is present.

7 (3) The commission may appoint an executive director  
8 who shall report to the commission and serve at its pleasure.  
9 The Department of Transportation shall provide the commission  
10 and the executive director with staff assistance. The  
11 department may, upon the request of the commission, pay  
12 compensation to consultants if such costs can be funded from  
13 the appropriation provided for in this act.

14 (4) The commission shall:

15 (a) Identify the current and future opportunities in  
16 aerospace operations, aerospace transport, aerospace  
17 education, aerospace tourism, and other aerospace areas and  
18 make recommendations for how the state can capitalize on such  
19 opportunities.

20 (b) Review current federal, state, and local laws,  
21 ordinances, and rules that affect the aerospace industry in  
22 the state and recommend actions that will promote growth and  
23 diversification of the industry.

24 (c) Examine the state's space-related policies and  
25 programs and recommend needed changes, including the possible  
26 restructuring of state space-related entities.

27 (d) Examine the ways in which aerospace industries,  
28 including the component elements of manufacturing, assembly,  
29 marketing, servicing, maintenance, logistical support, human  
30 resources, and related research and development, can be  
31 attracted to locate permanently or expand in the state and

1 recommend actions that can be taken by the state and local  
2 governments to accomplish this goal, including, but not  
3 limited to, possible financing alternatives.

4 (e) Review existing studies to evaluate aerospace in  
5 the state, identify underserved resources, and recommend  
6 actions that can be taken to improve the competitiveness,  
7 availability, efficiency, and economy of the aerospace  
8 industry of the state.

9 (f) Identify federal aid available to improve the  
10 state's aerospace infrastructure and services and recommend  
11 strategies to obtain such aid.

12 (g) Determine whether the state's secondary and  
13 postsecondary schools are producing graduates who meet the  
14 workforce needs of the state's aerospace industry and  
15 recommend strategies to improve meeting those needs.

16 (5) The commission may appoint technical advisory  
17 committees. Commission members and the members of any  
18 technical advisory committees may not receive remuneration for  
19 their services, but members other than public officers and  
20 employees are entitled to be reimbursed by the Department of  
21 Transportation for travel and per diem expenses in accordance  
22 with section 112.061, Florida Statutes. Public officers and  
23 employees shall be reimbursed for travel and per diem expenses  
24 by their respective agencies in accordance with section  
25 112.061, Florida Statutes.

26 (6) The commission must hold at least five public  
27 hearings in different regions of the state to solicit input  
28 from the public on the future of space in the state.

29 (7) All agencies under the control of the Governor are  
30 directed and all other agencies are requested to render  
31 assistance and cooperation to the commission.

1           (8) The commission shall prepare a preliminary report  
2 of its findings and recommendations by January 16, 2006, and a  
3 final report with specific recommendations by January 30,  
4 2006. The Department of Transportation shall prepare  
5 legislative recommendations consistent with the commission's  
6 reports for consideration by the Legislature at the 2006  
7 Regular Session. Copies of the reports shall be submitted to  
8 the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of  
9 the House of Representatives.

10           (9) The commission is abolished, and this section  
11 expires, on May 31, 2006.

12           Section 2. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from  
13 the General Revenue Fund to the Department of Transportation  
14 for the purpose of implementing this act during the 2005-2006  
15 fiscal year.

16           Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.

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18                   STATEMENT OF SUBSTANTIAL CHANGES CONTAINED IN  
19                                   COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE FOR  
20   CS/SB 1026

21           The bill increases the membership in the Commission on the  
22           Future of Space in Florida from 13 to 15 members and provides  
23           specific representation for aerospace education.  
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