

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          Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
11          Development; providing for compensation of  
12          consultants; providing duties of the  
13          commission; requiring the commission to  
14          identify, examine, and review certain  
15          information related to aerospace and the  
16          aerospace industry; authorizing the commission  
17          to appoint technical advisory committees;  
18          authorizing reimbursement of travel expenses;  
19          requiring a certain number of meetings in  
20          various regions of the state; directing certain  
21          agencies and requesting other agencies to  
22          render assistance and cooperation; requiring  
23          preliminary and final reports; requiring the  
24          Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
25          Development to prepare legislative  
26          recommendations consistent with the report;  
27          abolishing the commission; providing an  
28          expiration date; providing appropriations;  
29          amending s. 331.405, F.S.; amending a  
30          definition; providing an effective date.  
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1           WHEREAS, the aerospace industry comprises an important  
2 segment of Florida's present and future economy, and

3           WHEREAS, intense nationwide and international  
4 competition for the future development of this industry is  
5 already underway, and

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

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

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

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

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

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26           Section 1. Commission on the Future of Space in  
27 Florida.--

28           (1) The Commission on the Future of Space in Florida  
29 is created. The commission shall be composed of 15 voting  
30 members, 9 of whom are appointed by the Governor, 3 of whom  
31 are appointed by the President of the Senate, and 3 of whom

1 are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.  
2 In consultation with the Florida Congressional Delegation, the  
3 Governor shall appoint two members of the delegation or their  
4 designees to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members of the  
5 commission. In addition, the Lieutenant Governor, Secretary of  
6 Transportation, executive director of the Florida Space  
7 Authority, and director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation  
8 or their designees shall serve as ex officio, nonvoting  
9 members of the commission. The Governor's appointments must  
10 include one appointment from each of the following groups:  
11 (a) Aerospace manufacturing.  
12 (b) Aerospace operations and maintenance.  
13 (c) Aerospace finance.  
14 (d) Aerospace research.  
15 (e) Aerospace defense.  
16 (f) Commercial aerospace services.  
17 (g) An aerospace business with fewer than 250  
18 employees.  
19 (h) Enterprise Florida, Inc.  
20 (i) Aerospace education.  
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22 The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of  
23 Representatives shall each select one appointee from three of  
24 the groups listed in paragraphs (a)-(i) and, in addition,  
25 shall each appoint one member from their respective chambers  
26 of the Legislature to serve as ex officio, nonvoting members.  
27 Appointments under this subsection shall be made before July  
28 31, 2005, and the first meeting shall be held no later than  
29 September 1, 2005. The chair of the commission shall be  
30 elected from among the voting members by majority vote of the  
31 membership at its first meeting. Meetings shall be held upon

1 the call of the chair but not less frequently than monthly.

2 Any vacancy occurring in the membership of the commission  
3 shall be filled in the same manner as the original  
4 appointment.

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

9 (3) The commission may appoint an executive director  
10 who shall report to the commission and serve at its pleasure.  
11 The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development shall  
12 provide the commission and the executive director with staff  
13 assistance. The Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
14 Development may, upon the request of the commission, pay  
15 compensation to consultants if such costs can be funded from  
16 the appropriation provided for in this act.

17 (4) The commission shall:

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

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

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

30 (d) Examine the ways in which aerospace industries,  
31 including the component elements of manufacturing, assembly,

1 marketing, servicing, maintenance, logistical support, human  
2 resources, and related research and development, can be  
3 attracted to locate permanently or expand in the state and  
4 recommend actions that can be taken by the state and local  
5 governments to accomplish this goal, including, but not  
6 limited to, possible financing alternatives.

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

12 (f) Identify federal aid available to improve the  
13 state's aerospace infrastructure and services and recommend  
14 strategies to obtain such aid.

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

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

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

1       (7) All agencies under the control of the Governor are  
2 directed and all other agencies are requested to render  
3 assistance and cooperation to the commission.

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

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

15       Section 2. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from  
16 the State Transportation Trust Fund to the Department of  
17 Transportation for transfer into the Economic Development  
18 Trust Fund in the Executive Office of the Governor, Office of  
19 Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development for Fiscal Year  
20 2005-2006. The sum of \$300,000 is appropriated from the  
21 Economic Development Trust Fund to the Executive Office of the  
22 Governor, Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development  
23 for Fiscal Year 2005-2006 for the purpose of implementing this  
24 act.

25       Section 3. Section 331.405, Florida Statutes, is  
26 amended to read:

27       331.405 Definitions.--As used in this part:

28       (1) "Account" means the account established pursuant  
29 to s. 331.415.

30       (2) "Aerospace" means the industry concerned with the  
31 design and manufacture of aircraft, rockets, missiles,

1 spacecraft, satellites, space vehicles, space stations, space  
2 and defense facilities, or components thereof, and equipment,  
3 systems, facilities, simulators, programs, and activities  
4 related thereto.

5 (3) "Authority" means the Florida Space Authority  
6 created by s. 331.302.

7 (4) "Board" means the governing body of the  
8 corporation.

9 (5) "Corporation" means the Florida Aerospace Finance  
10 Corporation.

11 (6) "Domiciled in this state" means registered to do  
12 business in Florida.

13 (7) "Financial institution" has the same meaning as in  
14 s. 655.005(1)(h).

15 (8) "Financing agreement" has the same meaning as in  
16 s. 331.303(10).

17 (9) "Member" means an individual appointed to be a  
18 member of the board.

19 (10) "President" means the chief executive officer of  
20 the corporation.

21 Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2005.  
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