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Senator Lynn moved the following:

1           **Senate Substitute for Amendment (728458) to Amendment (with**  
2 **title amendment)**

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4           Between lines 1310 and 1311  
5 insert:

6           Section 27. Short title.—Sections 28-30 of this act may be  
7 cited as the "Space Transportation Research and Development  
8 Institute Act."

9           Section 28. Legislative findings.—The Legislature finds and  
10 declares that the anticipated impacts of the National  
11 Aeronautics and Space Administration's retirement of the Space  
12 Shuttle program reveal an underlying lack of diversification in



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13 Florida's space industry. Florida lags significantly behind  
14 other states in high-value, space-related research and  
15 technology development while its space launch industry suffers  
16 from outdated technologies and increased international and  
17 domestic competition. The Legislature finds that the state  
18 should expand statewide involvement in space research and  
19 technology development programs that will leverage and improve  
20 the state's space transportation industry through  
21 multiuniversity partnerships with industry, the Federal Aviation  
22 Administration, the National Aeronautics and Space  
23 Administration, and the Department of Defense.

24 Section 29. Paragraph (c) is added to subsection (8) of  
25 section 331.3051, Florida Statutes, to read:

26 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

27 (8) Carry out its responsibility for research and  
28 development by:

29 (c) Supporting the development and operation of the Space  
30 Transportation Research and Development Institute, when  
31 possible. Such support may include, but is not limited to:

32 1. Providing the institute with advisory support for  
33 defining the focus and scope of multiuniversity projects.

34 2. Providing the institute with access to the Cape  
35 Canaveral Spaceport and other spaceport sites in the state,  
36 including launch, laboratory, and processing facilities for  
37 research and program management.

38 3. Providing support for the development of the institute  
39 among relevant agencies and policymakers in Washington, D.C.,  
40 and this state.

41 4. Engaging the institute as a partner in support of space



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42 transportation policy, range and spaceport technology  
43 development, and other space transportation technology programs.

44 5. Providing support to institute projects through the  
45 Florida-NASA Matching Grant Program as provided in subsection  
46 (10).

47 Section 30. Section 331.365, Florida Statutes, is created  
48 to read:

49 331.365 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;  
50 Space Transportation Research and Development Institute.-

51 (1) There is established within the Office of Tourism,  
52 Trade, and Economic Development a multiuniversity Space  
53 Transportation Research and Development Institute that shall  
54 pursue Federal Aviation Administration sponsorship of a Center  
55 of Excellence focused on high-impact space transportation  
56 research, technology development, and policy analysis  
57 activities. The institute shall be led by Embry-Riddle  
58 Aeronautical University and Florida Institute of Technology and  
59 shall include other public and private postsecondary academic  
60 institutions within and outside the state. The institute,  
61 through its partner institutions, shall support research focus  
62 areas including, but not limited to, spaceport licensing and  
63 safety; range and airspace management systems development,  
64 simulation, and qualification; spaceflight human factors issues;  
65 spaceflight passenger, crew, and technician training and  
66 certification; launch vehicle safety analysis; materials science  
67 for spaceflight; spaceport instrumentation, technologies, and  
68 processes; and other topics which may be of interest to the  
69 Federal Aviation Administration.

70 (2) The institute shall be established in phases, with the



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71 initial phase focused on developing a management structure,  
72 establishing a formal relationship with the Federal Aviation  
73 Administration, and forming partnerships with academic  
74 institutions and industry. The institute shall provide a  
75 quarterly report to the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic  
76 Development on the institute's activities, relationship status  
77 with the Federal Aviation Administration, research, and  
78 partnerships. Any monies provided by government or private  
79 industry directly to Embry Riddle Aeronautical University or  
80 Florida Institute of Technology are not a part of the Institute  
81 but shall remain as an allocation intended for each institution.

82 Section 31. Sections 28-30 of this act may not require the  
83 appropriation of funds or the assignment of personnel resources  
84 by the Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development.

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

87 And the title is amended as follows:

88 Delete line 1428

89 and insert:

90 Regional Transportation Authority; providing a short  
91 title; providing legislative findings; amending s.  
92 331.3051, F.S.; expanding the duties of Space Florida  
93 to include supporting the development and operation of  
94 the Space Transportation Research and Development  
95 Institute; creating s. 331.365, F.S.; establishing the  
96 Space Transportation Research and Development  
97 Institute within the Office of Tourism, Trade, and  
98 Economic Development; providing that the institute is  
99 a multiuniversity initiative; providing purposes and



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100 duties of the institute; providing for the  
101 establishment and administration of the institute;  
102 providing that the act does not require appropriation  
103 of funds or assignment of personnel resources by the  
104 Office of Tourism, Trade, and Economic Development;  
105 providing an effective date.