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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Space Florida; creating s.
3 331.3081, F.S.; revising provisions for the governing
4 board of Space Florida to terminate the existing board
5 and replace it with a new board meeting the
6 requirements of this section; providing for
7 appointment of certain voting members by the Governor
8 subject to confirmation by the Senate; providing for
9 appointment of nonvoting members by the President of
10 the Senate and the Speaker of the House of
11 Representatives; providing for terms of the members
12 and organization of the board; providing for
13 reappointment or removal of members; providing for
14 meetings and actions of the board; providing for
15 reimbursement of expenses incurred by members and
16 staff of the board; requiring members to file
17 disclosure of financial interests; repealing s.
18 331.308, F.S., relating to the board of directors of
19 Space Florida; providing an effective date.

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

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23 Section 1. Section 331.3081, Florida Statutes, is created
24 to read:

25 331.3081 Board of directors.—

26 (1) Space Florida shall be governed by a board of directors
27 consisting of 13 voting members and two nonvoting members.

28 (a) The Governor shall appoint nine voting members of the
29 board of directors pursuant to the requirements of this section.

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30 (b) The Governor shall appoint members so that the
31 membership of the board reflects the statewide presence of
32 Florida's aerospace industry. When making appointments to the
33 board, the Governor shall consider whether the membership
34 reflects the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, as well as
35 the geographic distribution, of the population of the state.

36 (c) Designees of voting members shall not have voting
37 authority, except that, if the Lieutenant Governor is the
38 designee of the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor shall have
39 authority to vote.

40 (d) All appointees must have demonstrated knowledge and
41 experience in the field of aerospace or have experience which is
42 directly applicable to the state's aerospace endeavors.

43 (e) All voting members of the board who are newly appointed
44 by the Governor must be residents of the state or have a
45 business enterprise in the state.

46 (f)1. The board of directors shall include the following ex
47 officio voting members:

48 a. The Governor or the Lieutenant Governor as the
49 Governor's designee.

50 b. The Secretary of Transportation or the secretary's
51 designee.

52 c. The director of the Agency for Workforce Innovation or
53 the director's designee.

54 d. The vice chair of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the vice
55 chair's designee.

56 2. The Governor shall appoint the following voting members
57 to the board, subject to confirmation by the Senate:

58 a. One member from organized labor with experience in the

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59 aerospace industry.

60 b. Two members from the state's aerospace-related
61 industries at large across the state.

62 c. Two members from two separate commercial aerospace
63 companies involved in human space flight programs or commercial
64 access to space.

65 d. Two members from two separate commercial companies
66 working under Federal Government contracts to conduct space-
67 related business.

68 e. One member from an alternative energy enterprise with
69 potential for aerospace applications.

70 f. One member from the aerospace industry whose primary
71 client is the United States Department of Defense.

72 3. The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting,
73 ex officio member from the members of the Senate.

74 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall
75 appoint one nonvoting, ex officio member from the members of the
76 House of Representatives.

77 (2) The terms of the current members of the Space Florida
78 board of directors shall expire 180 days after this section
79 takes effect.

80 (3) The initial appointments under this section and Senate
81 confirmations of the appointments shall occur within 180 days
82 after this section takes effect. New appointees shall have
83 interim status pending the next called meeting of the Senate.

84 (4) The terms of four of the Governor's initial
85 appointments under this section shall be for 2 years, at the
86 discretion of the Governor.

87 (5) The terms of five of the Governor's initial

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88 appointments under this section shall be for 4 years, at the
89 discretion of the Governor.

90 (6) At the expiration of the initial terms under this
91 section, subsequent members appointed by the Governor shall each
92 serve 4-year terms.

93 (7) Vacancies on the board shall be filled for the
94 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

95 (8) The appointees of the President of the Senate and the
96 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve at the
97 pleasure of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
98 House of Representatives, respectively.

99 (9) Any member appointed under this section is eligible for
100 reappointment.

101 (10) Appointed members may be removed by the Governor for
102 cause or by a simple majority of the board of directors voting
103 at a properly noticed meeting of the board.

104 (11) The board of directors shall meet at least four times
105 each year upon the call of the Governor, at the request of the
106 Lieutenant Governor, or at the request of a majority of the
107 board members.

108 (12) The board of directors may take official action by a
109 majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a
110 quorum is present.

111 (13) Members of the board of directors shall serve without
112 compensation; however, members and support staff may be
113 reimbursed for all reasonable, necessary, and actual expenses as
114 determined by the board of directors pursuant to s. 112.061.

115 (14) Each member of the board of directors who is not
116 otherwise required to file financial disclosure pursuant to s.

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117 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file
118 disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.

119 Section 2. Section 331.308, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

120 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.