

By the Committees on Governmental Oversight and Accountability;
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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 governing the
4 board of directors of Space Florida; terminating the
5 existing board and replacing it with a new board
6 meeting the requirements of the act; providing for
7 membership; providing for appointment of certain
8 voting members by the Governor, subject to
9 confirmation by the Senate; providing for designation
10 of a chair; providing for appointment of nonvoting
11 members by the President of the Senate and the Speaker
12 of the House of Representatives; providing for terms
13 of the members and organization of the board;
14 providing for reappointment or removal of members;
15 providing for meetings and actions of the board;
16 providing for reimbursement of expenses incurred by
17 members and staff of the board; requiring members to
18 file disclosure of financial interests; repealing s.
19 331.308, F.S., relating to the board of directors of
20 Space Florida; providing an effective date.

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

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

26 331.3081 Board of directors.—

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

29 (a) The Governor shall appoint nine voting members of the

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30 board of directors pursuant to the requirements of this section.

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

37 (c) Designees of voting members described in subparagraph
38 (f)1. shall have authority to vote. Designees of voting members
39 described in subparagraph (f)2. shall not have authority to
40 vote.

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

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

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

49 a. The Governor or the Lieutenant Governor as the
50 Governor's designee, who shall serve as chair of the board.

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

53 c. The president of Workforce Florida, Inc., or the
54 president's designee.

55 d. The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the
56 president's designee.

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

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59 a. One member from organized labor who has experience in
60 the aerospace industry.

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

63 c. Two members, each of whom represents a separate
64 commercial aerospace company involved in human space flight
65 programs or commercial access to space.

66 d. Two members, each of whom represents a separate
67 commercial company working under Federal Government contracts to
68 conduct space-related business.

69 e. One member from an alternative energy enterprise that
70 has potential for aerospace applications.

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

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

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

78 (2) The terms of the current members of the Space Florida
79 board of directors shall expire 90 days after this section takes
80 effect.

81 (3) The initial appointments under this section and Senate
82 confirmations of the appointments shall occur 91 days after this
83 section takes effect. New appointees shall have interim status
84 pending the next called meeting of the Senate.

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

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88 (5) The terms of five of the Governor's initial
89 appointments under this section shall be for 4 years, at the
90 discretion of the Governor.

91 (6) At the expiration of the initial terms under this
92 section, subsequent members appointed by the Governor shall each
93 be appointed to a 4-year term.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

116 (14) Each member of the board of directors who is not

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

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

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