

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to space exploration; creating pt.
3 XIII of ch. 288, F.S., entitled "Space Exploration
4 Research Laboratory"; creating s. 288.9933, F.S.;
5 requiring the Florida Institute of Technology to
6 submit a plan to the Department of Economic
7 Opportunity in order to qualify for grant funding of a
8 space exploration research laboratory; requiring
9 certain information to be included in the plan;
10 requiring the institute to annually submit a report
11 relating to expenditures and accomplishments of the
12 space exploration research laboratory; specifying
13 information for inclusion in the annual report;
14 requiring the institute to enter into a contract
15 containing certain terms with the Department of
16 Economic Opportunity; providing for funding to cease
17 under certain circumstances; requiring the Department
18 of Economic Opportunity to make annual reviews and
19 recommendations concerning whether to continue funding
20 the space exploration research laboratory; providing
21 for funding to cease under certain circumstances;
22 amending s. 212.20, F.S.; directing the Department of
23 Revenue, after notice by the Department of Economic
24 Opportunity that certain contingencies have been met,
25 to annually distribute for a certain number of years a
26 specified amount of funds generated by visitor
27 activity at the Kennedy Space Center and Cape
28 Canaveral Air Force Station for the purpose of

29 | establishing and operating a space exploration
 30 | research institute at the Florida Institute of
 31 | Technology; providing an effective date.

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33 | Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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35 | Section 1. Part XIII of chapter 288, Florida Statutes,
 36 | consisting of section 288.9933, Florida Statutes, is created and
 37 | entitled "Space Exploration Research Laboratory."

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PART XIII

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SPACE EXPLORATION RESEARCH LABORATORY

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288.9933 Space exploration research laboratory at the

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Florida Institute of Technology.-

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(1) The Florida Institute of Technology shall submit a

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plan for establishing and operating a space exploration research

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laboratory to the Department of Economic Opportunity, to qualify

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to receive the grant funds available in accordance with s.

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212.20(6), Florida Statutes. At a minimum, the plan must include

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the following:

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(a) Enrollment and graduation expectations for

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baccalaureate, masters, and doctorate programs related to space

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exploration and science, technology, engineering, and

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mathematics (STEM) disciplines for each of the next succeeding

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10 years.

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(b) The number of new faculty and the average salary of

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newly hired faculty expected for each of the next 10 years.

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(c) The number of faculty with a National Academy

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membership who are expected to be associated with the institute.

57 (d) A strategy for securing private and federal research
58 funds.

59 (2) By February 1 of each year, the institute must submit
60 a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the
61 Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Department of
62 Economic Opportunity providing details of the expenditures and
63 accomplishments of the space exploration research laboratory,
64 including the following:

65 (a) The number of students enrolled and the number of
66 students who have graduated with baccalaureate, masters, and
67 doctorate degrees related to space exploration and science,
68 technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) disciplines over
69 the previous year and the number of students who have graduated
70 with such degrees since the inception of the research
71 laboratory.

72 (b) The number and qualifications of newly hired faculty
73 for the research laboratory, specifying the number of faculty
74 with a National Academy membership and any other prestigious
75 faculty awards.

76 (c) The amount and type of private and federal research
77 funds secured during the previous year.

78 (d) Total research expenditures in space exploration.

79 (e) The number of new start-up companies formed.

80 (f) The number of patents and licenses issued.

81 (g) The amount of royalty income generated.

82 (3) The institute must enter into a contract with the
83 Department of Economic Opportunity agreeing to create a world
84 class space exploration research laboratory that generates at

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85 least \$20 million annually in nonstate revenue by the end of the
86 research laboratory's 10th year of operation. If the minimum
87 standard of \$20 million annually is not met within 10 years
88 after the first grant distribution, the Department of Economic
89 Opportunity must so certify to the Department of Revenue and the
90 distribution provided under s. 212.20(6)(d)6.e., shall cease on
91 June 30th following the submission of the report required under
92 subsection (2).

93 (4) The Department of Economic Opportunity must review the
94 annual report required under subsection (2) and make an annual
95 recommendation to continue funding for the space exploration
96 research laboratory certifying to the Governor, the Speaker of
97 the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate
98 that the laboratory is making substantial progress in
99 establishing and maintaining a world class space exploration
100 laboratory at the institute. If the department determines that
101 the institute is not making substantial progress in establishing
102 and maintaining a world class space exploration laboratory, the
103 department shall so certify to the Department of Revenue and the
104 distribution provided in s. 212.20(6)(d)6.e., shall cease on
105 June 30th following the date of submission of the report
106 required under subsection (2).

107 Section 2. Paragraph (d) of subsection (6) of section
108 212.20, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

109 212.20 Funds collected, disposition; additional powers of
110 department; operational expense; refund of taxes adjudicated
111 unconstitutionally collected.—

112 (6) Distribution of all proceeds under this chapter and s.

113 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be as follows:

114 (d) The proceeds of all other taxes and fees imposed
115 pursuant to this chapter or remitted pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b)
116 and (2)(b) shall be distributed as follows:

117 1. In any fiscal year, the greater of \$500 million, minus
118 an amount equal to 4.6 percent of the proceeds of the taxes
119 collected pursuant to chapter 201, or 5.2 percent of all other
120 taxes and fees imposed pursuant to this chapter or remitted
121 pursuant to s. 202.18(1)(b) and (2)(b) shall be deposited in
122 monthly installments into the General Revenue Fund.

123 2. After the distribution under subparagraph 1., 8.814
124 percent of the amount remitted by a sales tax dealer located
125 within a participating county pursuant to s. 218.61 shall be
126 transferred into the Local Government Half-cent Sales Tax
127 Clearing Trust Fund. Beginning July 1, 2003, the amount to be
128 transferred shall be reduced by 0.1 percent, and the department
129 shall distribute this amount to the Public Employees Relations
130 Commission Trust Fund less \$5,000 each month, which shall be
131 added to the amount calculated in subparagraph 3. and
132 distributed accordingly.

133 3. After the distribution under subparagraphs 1. and 2.,
134 0.095 percent shall be transferred to the Local Government Half-
135 cent Sales Tax Clearing Trust Fund and distributed pursuant to
136 s. 218.65.

137 4. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and
138 3., 2.0440 percent of the available proceeds shall be
139 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
140 Counties pursuant to s. 218.215.

141 5. After the distributions under subparagraphs 1., 2., and
142 3., 1.3409 percent of the available proceeds shall be
143 transferred monthly to the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
144 Municipalities pursuant to s. 218.215. If the total revenue to
145 be distributed pursuant to this subparagraph is at least as
146 great as the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
147 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance
148 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, no municipality shall
149 receive less than the amount due from the Revenue Sharing Trust
150 Fund for Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial
151 Assistance Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000. If the
152 total proceeds to be distributed are less than the amount
153 received in combination from the Revenue Sharing Trust Fund for
154 Municipalities and the former Municipal Financial Assistance
155 Trust Fund in state fiscal year 1999-2000, each municipality
156 shall receive an amount proportionate to the amount it was due
157 in state fiscal year 1999-2000.

158 6. Of the remaining proceeds:

159 a. In each fiscal year, the sum of \$29,915,500 shall be
160 divided into as many equal parts as there are counties in the
161 state, and one part shall be distributed to each county. The
162 distribution among the several counties must begin each fiscal
163 year on or before January 5th and continue monthly for a total
164 of 4 months. If a local or special law required that any moneys
165 accruing to a county in fiscal year 1999-2000 under the then-
166 existing provisions of s. 550.135 be paid directly to the
167 district school board, special district, or a municipal
168 government, such payment must continue until the local or

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169 special law is amended or repealed. The state covenants with
170 holders of bonds or other instruments of indebtedness issued by
171 local governments, special districts, or district school boards
172 before July 1, 2000, that it is not the intent of this
173 subparagraph to adversely affect the rights of those holders or
174 relieve local governments, special districts, or district school
175 boards of the duty to meet their obligations as a result of
176 previous pledges or assignments or trusts entered into which
177 obligated funds received from the distribution to county
178 governments under then-existing s. 550.135. This distribution
179 specifically is in lieu of funds distributed under s. 550.135
180 before July 1, 2000.

181 b. The department shall distribute \$166,667 monthly
182 pursuant to s. 288.1162 to each applicant certified as a
183 facility for a new or retained professional sports franchise
184 pursuant to s. 288.1162. Up to \$41,667 shall be distributed
185 monthly by the department to each certified applicant as defined
186 in s. 288.11621 for a facility for a spring training franchise.
187 However, not more than \$416,670 may be distributed monthly in
188 the aggregate to all certified applicants for facilities for
189 spring training franchises. Distributions begin 60 days after
190 such certification and continue for not more than 30 years,
191 except as otherwise provided in s. 288.11621. A certified
192 applicant identified in this sub-subparagraph may not receive
193 more in distributions than expended by the applicant for the
194 public purposes provided for in s. 288.1162(5) or s.
195 288.11621(3).

196 c. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of

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197 Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that an
198 applicant has been certified as the professional golf hall of
199 fame pursuant to s. 288.1168 and is open to the public, \$166,667
200 shall be distributed monthly, for up to 300 months, to the
201 applicant.

202 d. Beginning 30 days after notice by the Department of
203 Economic Opportunity to the Department of Revenue that the
204 applicant has been certified as the International Game Fish
205 Association World Center facility pursuant to s. 288.1169, and
206 the facility is open to the public, \$83,333 shall be distributed
207 monthly, for up to 168 months, to the applicant. This
208 distribution is subject to reduction pursuant to s. 288.1169. A
209 lump sum payment of \$999,996 shall be made, after certification
210 and before July 1, 2000.

211 e. After notice by the Department of Economic Opportunity
212 to the Department of Revenue that the Department of Economic
213 Opportunity has approved a plan developed by the Florida
214 Institute of Technology pursuant to s. 288.9933 for establishing
215 a space exploration research laboratory, the department shall
216 distribute \$5 million annually to the Florida Institute of
217 Technology for establishing and operating a space exploration
218 research laboratory. This amount represents sales and use taxes
219 generated by visitor activity at the Kennedy Space Center and
220 the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station. The department must make
221 the distribution 60 days after such certification and continue
222 to make an annual distribution of the same amount on the
223 anniversary date of the initial distribution for 10 additional
224 years.

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225 | 7. All other proceeds must remain in the General Revenue
226 | Fund.

227 | Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2013.