

By the Committee on Rules; and Senator Harrell

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to advanced air mobility; creating the
3 Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force adjunct to the
4 Department of Transportation; specifying the
5 composition of the task force; providing that task
6 force members serve at the pleasure of their
7 appointing authority; providing that task force
8 members shall serve without compensation but are
9 entitled to certain reimbursement; requiring the
10 department to provide staff, assistance, and
11 facilities; providing for funding for the task force
12 from the State Transportation Trust Fund; specifying
13 duties of the task force and requirements for its
14 meetings; defining the term "eVTOL aircraft";
15 requiring the task force to submit a certain report to
16 the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
17 providing for abolishment of the task force; providing
18 for expiration; providing an effective date.

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

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22 Section 1. Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force.—

23 (1) The Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force, a task
24 force as defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, is created
25 adjunct to the Department of Transportation. The task force is
26 composed of the following members:

27 (a) The secretary of the Department of Transportation or
28 the secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair of the task
29 force.

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30 (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
31 the Senate.

32 (c) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by
33 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

34 (d) The executive director of the Florida League of Cities
35 or the director's designee.

36 (e) The executive director of the Florida Association of
37 Counties or the director's designee.

38 (f) The president of Space Florida or the president's
39 designee.

40 (g) Appointed by the Governor:

41 1. Two members, each representing a different city having a
42 population of more than 250,000 persons.

43 2. One member representing a city having a population of
44 fewer than 250,000 persons.

45 3. One member representing a metropolitan planning
46 organization.

47 4. One member representing the State University System.

48 5. Three members representing the advanced air mobility
49 industry.

50 6. One member representing an organization in this state
51 which advocates for persons with disabilities.

52 7. Two members representing the business community.

53 8. One member representing an organization in this state
54 which advocates for underserved transportation areas.

55 9. One member representing a public airport located in a
56 county having a population of more than 1 million persons.

57 10. One member representing a public airport located in a
58 county having a population of fewer than 1 million persons.

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59 (2) Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the
60 appointing authority.

61 (3) Task force members shall serve without compensation but
62 are entitled to reimbursement for reasonable and necessary per
63 diem and travel expenses incurred in the performance of their
64 duties as provided in s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

65 (4) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff,
66 assistance, and facilities as are deemed necessary for the task
67 force to perform its duties. Funding for the task force shall be
68 paid from the State Transportation Trust Fund.

69 (5) The task force shall meet at the time and location as
70 the chair determines. The task force shall hold public hearings
71 and receive public comment in locations throughout this state,
72 or by electronic means such as teleconference, provided that a
73 means for active participation is accommodated.

74 (6) The task force shall:

75 (a) Assess and describe the current state of development of
76 the advanced air mobility industry, specifically the deployment
77 of eVTOL aircraft. As used in this section, the term "eVTOL
78 aircraft" means a type of aircraft that uses electric power to
79 hover, take off, and land vertically without a runway.

80 (b) Identify federal, state, and local laws, rules,
81 regulations, and other requirements that may impact the
82 development of the advanced air mobility industry in this state,
83 including the potential deployment of eVTOL aircraft and
84 infrastructure.

85 (c) Recommend any changes to state laws and regulations
86 necessary to facilitate the continued development of the
87 advanced air mobility industry and deployment of eVTOL aircraft

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88 and infrastructure in this state.

89 (d) Evaluate the potential integration of advanced air
90 mobility into local government transportation plans.

91 (7) By October 1, 2023, the task force shall submit to the
92 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
93 House of Representatives a report including the information,
94 findings, and recommendations required pursuant to subsection
95 (6) and any other relevant material deemed appropriate by the
96 task force. Upon submission of the report, the task force is
97 abolished.

98 (8) This section expires December 31, 2023.

99 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.