

By the Committee on Military and Veterans Affairs, Space, and Domestic Security

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to Space Florida; amending s. 20.60,
3 F.S.; requiring the Secretary of Economic Opportunity
4 to serve as the manager for the state with respect to
5 contracts with Space Florida; requiring that an annual
6 report submitted by the Department of Economic
7 Opportunity include specified information provided by
8 Space Florida and a certain analysis; amending s.
9 288.0001, F.S.; requiring the Office of Economic and
10 Demographic Research and the Office of Program Policy
11 Analysis and Government Accountability to provide to
12 the Governor and the Legislature an analysis of Space
13 Florida and certain tax credits by a specified date
14 and at certain intervals thereafter; amending s.
15 331.303, F.S.; revising definitions; amending s.
16 331.305, F.S.; making a technical change; amending s.
17 331.3051, F.S.; revising the duties of Space Florida;
18 requiring the Department of Economic Opportunity to
19 annually submit a proposed operating budget by a
20 specified date; requiring Space Florida to annually
21 report on its performance by a specified date;
22 amending s. 331.3081, F.S.; revising membership of the
23 board of directors of Space Florida; providing for
24 staggered terms, reappointments, filling of vacancies,
25 and removal of members; providing that members serve
26 without compensation but may receive reimbursement for
27 per diem and travel expenses; providing financial
28 disclosure requirements; providing an exception;
29 providing requirements for meetings of the board;

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30 providing that open meeting and public records apply
31 to Space Florida and its board of directors; requiring
32 the board to conduct certain education programs for
33 new board members; prohibiting Space Florida from
34 endorsing a candidate for elected public office or
35 contributing moneys to such candidate's campaign;
36 specifying that certain members of the board may serve
37 until a specified date; requiring that the
38 appointments of certain board members take effect on a
39 specified date; amending s. 331.310, F.S.; conforming
40 a cross-reference; revising the powers and duties of
41 the board of directors of Space Florida; amending s.
42 331.3101, F.S.; revising the scheduled expiration of
43 provisions requiring certain information in an annual
44 report; deleting the scheduled expiration of
45 provisions relating to the expenditure of certain
46 funds; amending s. 331.312, F.S.; expanding the
47 authority Space Florida may exercise within certain
48 geographical limits; amending s. 331.313, F.S.;
49 requiring Space Florida to consult with certain
50 agencies and jurisdictions regarding certain roads;
51 requiring Space Florida to advise the Department of
52 Transportation of certain determinations and take
53 certain actions relating to certain construction
54 projects; requiring Space Florida to transfer certain
55 funds to the Department of Transportation; authorizing
56 the Department of Transportation to proceed with
57 certain construction or maintenance in a certain
58 manner; amending s. 331.324, F.S.; requiring that

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59 certain contracts include provisions requiring a
60 service auditor report to provide certain periodic
61 assessments; requiring Space Florida to submit the
62 service auditor's final assessment report to specified
63 entities; requiring the board of directors to submit a
64 certain statement to the Department of Economic
65 Opportunity within a specified timeframe; providing
66 construction; providing an effective date.

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

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70 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) and paragraph
71 (b) of subsection (10) of section 20.60, Florida Statutes, are
72 amended to read:

73 20.60 Department of Economic Opportunity; creation; powers
74 and duties.—

75 (9) The secretary shall:

76 (b) Serve as the manager for the state with respect to
77 contracts with Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and all
78 applicable direct-support organizations. To accomplish the
79 provisions of this section and applicable provisions of chapters
80 ~~chapter~~ 288 and 331, and notwithstanding ~~the provisions of part~~
81 I of chapter 287, the secretary shall enter into specific
82 contracts with Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and
83 other appropriate direct-support organizations. Such contracts
84 may be for multiyear terms and must include specific performance
85 measures for each year. For purposes of this section, the
86 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and the Institute
87 for Commercialization of Florida Technology are not appropriate

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88 direct-support organizations.

89 (10) The department, with assistance from Enterprise
90 Florida, Inc., shall, by November 1 of each year, submit an
91 annual report to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
92 the Speaker of the House of Representatives on the condition of
93 the business climate and economic development in the state.

94 (b) The report must incorporate annual reports of other
95 programs, including:

96 1. Information provided by the Department of Revenue under
97 s. 290.014.

98 2. Information provided by enterprise zone development
99 agencies under s. 290.0056 and an analysis of the activities and
100 accomplishments of each enterprise zone.

101 3. The Economic Gardening Business Loan Pilot Program
102 established under s. 288.1081 and the Economic Gardening
103 Technical Assistance Pilot Program established under s.
104 288.1082.

105 4. A detailed report of the performance of the Black
106 Business Loan Program and a cumulative summary of quarterly
107 report data required under s. 288.714.

108 5. The Rural Economic Development Initiative established
109 under s. 288.0656.

110 6. The Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.

111 7. A detailed report of the performance of the Florida
112 Development Finance Corporation and a summary of the
113 corporation's report required under s. 288.9610.

114 8. Information provided by Space Florida under s. 331.3051
115 and an analysis of the activities and accomplishments of Space
116 Florida.

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117 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
118 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

119 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
120 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
121 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
122 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
123 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
124 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
125 Development Programs Evaluation.

126 (2) The Office of Economic and Demographic Research and
127 OPPAGA shall provide a detailed analysis of economic development
128 programs as provided in the following schedule:

129 (a) By January 1, 2026 ~~January 1, 2014~~, and every 3 years
130 thereafter, an analysis of the following:

131 1. The capital investment tax credit established under s.
132 220.191.

133 2. The qualified target industry tax refund established
134 under s. 288.106.

135 3. The brownfield redevelopment bonus refund established
136 under s. 288.107.

137 4. High-impact business performance grants established
138 under s. 288.108.

139 5. The Quick Action Closing Fund established under s.
140 288.1088.

141 6. The Innovation Incentive Program established under s.
142 288.1089.

143 7. Enterprise Zone Program incentives established under ss.
144 212.08(5) and (15), 212.096, 220.181, and 220.182.

145 8. The New Markets Development Program established under

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146 ss. 288.991-288.9922.

147 9. Space Florida established under s. 331.302.

148 10. Corporate income tax credits for spaceflight projects,
149 as described in the Florida Space Business Incentives Act, s.
150 220.194.

151 11. The research and development tax credit established
152 under s. 220.196.

153 Section 3. Subsections (1) and (9) of section 331.303,
154 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

155 331.303 Definitions.—

156 (1) "Aerospace" means the technology and industry related
157 to the design, manufacture, maintenance, repair, and operation
158 of aircraft or any other device intended to be used or designed
159 for flight or reentry, including that designs and manufactures
160 aircraft, rockets, missiles, spacecraft, satellites, space
161 vehicles, space stations, space and aircraft facilities or
162 components thereof, and related equipment, systems, facilities,
163 simulators, programs, and related activities, including, but not
164 limited to, the application of aerospace and aviation
165 technologies in air-based, land-based, space-based, and sea-
166 based platforms for commercial, civil, and defense purposes.

167 (9) "Landing area" means the geographical area designated
168 by Space Florida or another appropriate area within the
169 spaceport territory for or intended for the landing,
170 controlling, assisting, flying, navigating, piloting,
171 maintenance, construction, and surface maneuvering of any launch
172 or other space vehicle or aerospace technology or craft.

173 Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 331.305, Florida
174 Statutes, is amended to read:

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175 331.305 Powers of Space Florida.—Space Florida may:
176 (13) Own, acquire, construct, reconstruct, equip, operate,
177 maintain, extend, or improve electric power plants, transmission
178 lines and related facilities, gas mains and facilities of any
179 nature for the production or distribution of natural gas,
180 transmission lines and related facilities and plants and
181 facilities for the generation and transmission of power through
182 traditional and new and experimental sources of power and
183 energy; purchase electric power, natural gas, and other sources
184 of power for distribution within any spaceport territory;
185 develop and operate water and sewer systems and waste collection
186 and disposal consistent with chapter 88-130, Laws of Florida;
187 and develop and operate such new and experimental public
188 utilities, including, but not limited to, centrally distributed
189 heating and air-conditioning facilities and services, closed-
190 circuit television systems, and computer services and
191 facilities, as the board may from time to time determine.
192 However, Space Florida may not construct any system, work,
193 project, or utility authorized to be constructed under this
194 subsection ~~paragraph~~ in the event that a system, work, project,
195 or utility of a similar character is being actually operated by
196 a municipality or private company in the municipality or
197 territory adjacent thereto, unless such municipality or private
198 company consents to such construction.

199 Section 5. Present subsection (11) of section 331.3051,
200 Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (14) and
201 amended, a new subsection (11) and subsections (12) and (13) are
202 added to that section, and subsections (2), (3), and (6) and
203 paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of that section are amended, to

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204 read:

205 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

206 (2) Enter into agreement with the Department of Education,
207 the Department of Transportation, the Department of Economic
208 Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc., and CareerSource Florida,
209 Inc., for the purpose of implementing this act.

210 (3) In cooperation with the Department of Economic
211 Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc., develop a plan to retain,
212 expand, attract, and create aerospace industry entities, public
213 or private, which results in the creation of high-value-added
214 businesses and jobs in this state. By August 15 of each fiscal
215 year, the Department of Economic Opportunity shall submit a
216 proposed operating budget for Space Florida which includes
217 amounts to be expended on incentives, advertising, events, other
218 operating capital outlay, and salaries and benefits for each
219 employee to the Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
220 Speaker of the House of Representatives.

221 (6) Develop, in cooperation with the Department of Economic
222 Opportunity Enterprise Florida, Inc., a plan to provide
223 financing assistance to aerospace businesses. The plan may
224 include the following activities:

225 (a) Assembling, publishing, and disseminating information
226 concerning financing opportunities and techniques for aerospace
227 projects, programs, and activities; sources of public and
228 private aerospace financing assistance; and sources of
229 aerospace-related financing.

230 (b) Organizing, hosting, and participating in seminars and
231 other forums designed to disseminate information and technical
232 assistance regarding aerospace-related financing.

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233 (c) Coordinating with programs and goals of the Department
234 of Defense, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration,
235 the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the International
236 Trade Administration of the United States Department of
237 Commerce, the Foreign Credit Insurance Association, and other
238 private and public programs and organizations, domestic and
239 foreign.

240 (d) Establishing a network of contacts among those domestic
241 and foreign public and private organizations that provide
242 information, technical assistance, and financial support to the
243 aerospace industry.

244 (e) Financing aerospace business development projects or
245 initiatives using funds provided by the Legislature.

246 (7) Carry out its responsibilities for spaceport operations
247 by:

248 (e) Consulting regularly, ~~as necessary~~, with the
249 appropriate federal, state, and local authorities, including the
250 National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the Federal
251 Aviation Administration, the Department of Defense, the
252 Department of Transportation, the Florida National Guard, and
253 industry on all aspects of establishing and operating spaceport
254 infrastructure and related aerospace facilities within the
255 state.

256 (11) Partner with the Board of Governors to foster
257 technological advancement and economic development for spaceport
258 activities by strengthening higher education programs and
259 supporting aerospace activities.

260 (12) Partner with the Division of Workforce Services of the
261 Department of Economic Opportunity, CareerSource Florida, Inc.,

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262 and local workforce development boards to support initiatives
263 that address the high technology skills and staff resources
264 needed to better promote the state's efforts in becoming the
265 nation's leader in aerospace and space exploration.

266 (13) Partner with the Metropolitan Planning Organization
267 Advisory Council to coordinate and specify how aerospace
268 planning and programming will be part of the state's cooperative
269 transportation planning process.

270 (14) (a) ~~(11)~~ In addition to the reporting requirements in
271 chapter 189, annually report by each October 1 on its
272 performance during the previous fiscal year with respect to its
273 business plan, to include finance, spaceport operations,
274 research and development, workforce development, and education.
275 Space Florida shall submit the report to the Department of
276 Economic Opportunity for inclusion in the annual report required
277 under s. 20.60 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the
278 Speaker of the House of Representatives by November 30 for the
279 previous fiscal year.

280 (b) The annual report must include:

281 1. Operations information as required under s.
282 331.310(2) (e) .

283 2. Activities, accomplishments, and progress concerning the
284 implementation of the spaceport master plan and other measurable
285 goals, and any updates to such plan and measurable goals.

286 3. Data on the economic impact of the aerospace industry in
287 this state during the previous year, including, but not limited
288 to, the amount and sources of capital investment, the number of
289 jobs created and retained, and annualized average wages, listed
290 by geographic areas within this state as specified by the board.

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291 4. Any other information required by the Department of
292 Economic Opportunity.

293 (c) Space Florida shall provide a copy of the special
294 district public facilities report required under s. 189.08 to
295 Space Florida's property owners, project owners, and users.

296 Section 6. Section 331.3081, Florida Statutes, is amended
297 to read:

298 331.3081 Board of directors; officers and employees of
299 Space Florida.-

300 (1) Space Florida shall be governed by an a 13-member
301 independent board of directors composed of that consists of the
302 members appointed to the board of directors of Enterprise
303 Florida, Inc., by the Governor, the President of the Senate, and
304 the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to s.
305 288.901(5)(a)8. and the Governor, who shall serve ex officio, or
306 who may appoint a designee to serve, as the chair and a voting
307 member of the board, and the following appointed members:

308 (a) The Secretary of Transportation or his or her designee.

309 (b) Four members appointed by the Governor.

310 (c) One member appointed by the President of the Senate.

311 (d) One member appointed by the President of the Senate
312 from the members of the Senate, who shall serve ex officio as a
313 nonvoting member of the board.

314 (e) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
315 Representatives.

316 (f) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
317 Representatives from the members of the House of
318 Representatives, who shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting
319 member of the board.

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320 (g) Three representatives appointed by the Governor, who
321 shall serve ex officio as nonvoting members of the board, one
322 each from the following entities:

323 1. An airport authority with the capability for horizontal
324 launches, such as the Jacksonville Aviation Authority or
325 Titusville-Cocoa Airport Authority.

326 2. Operations or management of a port district or port
327 authority, as defined in s. 315.02(2).

328 3. Operations or management of a spaceport territory, as
329 identified in s. 331.304.

330 (2) (a) All members of the board who are appointed by the
331 Governor are subject to confirmation by the Senate. When making
332 appointments to the board, except for the appointments under
333 paragraphs (1) (d) and (f), the appointing official shall:

334 1. Select an individual to serve who reflects the state's
335 interests in the aerospace sector and represents the intent,
336 duties, and purpose of Space Florida; or

337 2. Select an individual who has at least 5 years of
338 experience in at least one of the following areas:

339 a. The aerospace industry, including technology,
340 manufacturing, or supply chain fields, and human space flight.
341 Such member may not be employed at the time of appointment by an
342 entity that is under contract with Space Florida.

343 b. Bond financing.

344 c. Academic study of aerospace, aviation, or a relevant
345 science.

346 d. Management or operation of aircraft facilities, fixed-
347 base operations, or commercial airport operations.

348 e. Management or finance of a technology or manufacturing

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349 startup business or international business.

350 3. Ensure that the appointee is a resident of this state or
351 has a business enterprise in this state.

352 (b) Appointed members shall serve 4-year terms, except that
353 to provide for staggered terms, the Governor shall initially
354 appoint two members to serve 2-year terms, two members to serve
355 3-year terms, and one member to serve a 4-year term. The initial
356 appointees of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the
357 House of Representatives shall serve 4-year terms. All
358 subsequent appointments shall be for 4-year terms.

359 (c) Initial appointments must be made by October 1, 2023.
360 Terms end on September 30 of the last year of the member's term.

361 (d) Any member is eligible for reappointment, except that a
362 member may not serve more than two 4-year terms.

363 (e) A vacancy on the board of directors must be filled for
364 the remainder of the unexpired term in the same manner as the
365 original appointment.

366 (f) Appointed members may be removed by the appointing
367 official for cause. Absence from three consecutive meetings is
368 cause for removal.

369 (3) Board members shall serve without compensation, but are
370 entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel
371 expenses pursuant to s. 112.061. Such expenses must be paid out
372 of Space Florida funds.

373 (4) Each officer or employee of Space Florida or member of
374 the board of directors who is not otherwise required to file a
375 financial disclosure pursuant to s. 8, Art. II of the State
376 Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file a statement of financial
377 interests pursuant to s. 112.3145. The officers and employees of

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378 Space Florida and the members of the board of directors are
379 subject to ss. 112.313(1)-(8), (10), (12), and (15); 112.3135;
380 and 112.3143(2). For purposes of applying these sections to
381 activities of the officers, employees, and members of the board
382 of directors, those persons are considered public officers or
383 employees and Space Florida is considered their employing
384 agency. The exemption set forth in s. 112.313(12) for advisory
385 boards applies to the members of the Space Florida board of
386 directors.

387 (5) (a) The board of directors shall meet at least
388 quarterly, upon the call of the chairperson, or at the request
389 of a majority of the membership.

390 (b) A majority of the total number of current voting
391 members constitutes a quorum. The board of directors may take
392 official action by a majority vote of the members present at any
393 meeting at which a quorum is present.

394 (c) Meetings may be held via teleconference or other
395 electronic means.

396 (6) Open meeting and public records requirements of chapter
397 119 and s. 286.011 apply to Space Florida and its board of
398 directors.

399 (7) The board shall conduct education programs for newly
400 appointed board members as provided by the Department of
401 Economic Opportunity in accordance with s. 189.063.

402 (8) Space Florida may not endorse any candidate for elected
403 public office or contribute moneys to the campaign of any such
404 candidate.

405 Section 7. Members appointed to the board of directors of
406 Space Florida before the effective date of this act may continue

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407 to serve on the board until October 1, 2023. All new
408 appointments to the board of directors as required in s.
409 331.3081, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall take
410 effect on October 1, 2023.

411 Section 8. Paragraphs (e) and (f) of subsection (2) of
412 section 331.310, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

413 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.-

414 (2) The board of directors shall:

415 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement
416 to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(14) ~~s.~~

417 ~~331.3051(11)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a
418 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in
419 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity
420 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the
421 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and
422 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the
423 year's business, and prospects for the next year.

424 (f) Establish a personnel management system and appropriate
425 security controls, including access privileges and other
426 measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and
427 availability of data and resources.

428 Section 9. Subsections (5) and (6) of section 331.3101,
429 Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

430 331.3101 Space Florida; travel and entertainment expenses.-

431 (5) In addition to the requirements set forth for the
432 annual report under subsection (3), the 2022 annual report by
433 Space Florida must also:

434 (a) Provide an itemized accounting, by date of travel, of
435 all travel, entertainment, and incidental expenses incurred;

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436 (b) To the extent such expenses exceed the generally
437 allowable expense limits under s. 112.061, provide reasons
438 behind the need to exceed the statutory expense limits in s.
439 112.061;

440 (c) Categorize expenses for Space Florida board members,
441 staff, employees, and business clients. The report must also set
442 forth any expenses authorized by the board or its designee for a
443 guest; and

444 (d) Include information related to corrective actions and
445 steps taken by Space Florida to address the findings in Auditor
446 General Report No. 2022-049. This paragraph expires July 1, 2024
447 ~~This subsection expires July 1, 2023.~~

448 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, travel
449 and entertainment expenses incurred by Space Florida may only be
450 for expenses that are solely and exclusively incurred in
451 connection with the performance of its statutory duties and made
452 in accordance with this subsection.

453 (a) ~~For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,~~ Space Florida may not
454 expend any funds, whether appropriated by the Legislature or
455 from income earned by Space Florida, on travel and entertainment
456 expenses for the fiscal year in excess of an amount equal to 4
457 percent of the amount appropriated to Space Florida in the
458 General Appropriations Act. No funds may be expended on any
459 recreational activities for any Space Florida board member,
460 staff, employee, business client, or guest.

461 (b) ~~For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,~~ Lodging expenses for a
462 board member, staff, or employee of Space Florida may not exceed
463 \$150 per day, excluding taxes, unless Space Florida is
464 participating in a negotiated group rate discount or Space

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465 Florida provides documentation of at least three comparable
466 alternatives demonstrating that such lodging at the required
467 rate is not available. However, a board member, staff, or
468 employee of Space Florida may expend his or her own funds for
469 any lodging expenses in excess of \$150 per day.

470 ~~(c) This subsection expires July 1, 2023.~~

471 Section 10. Section 331.312, Florida Statutes, is amended
472 to read:

473 331.312 Furnishing facilities and services within the
474 spaceport territory.—Space Florida may own, acquire, construct,
475 develop, create, maintain, equip, extend, improve, reconstruct,
476 and operate its projects within the geographical limits of the
477 spaceport territory, including any portions of the spaceport
478 territory located inside the boundaries of any ~~incorporated~~
479 ~~municipality or other~~ political subdivision, and offer, supply,
480 maintain, and furnish the facilities and services provided for
481 in this act to, and establish and collect fees, rentals, and
482 other charges from, persons, public or private, within the
483 geographical limits of the spaceport territory and for the use
484 of Space Florida itself.

485 Section 11. Section 331.313, Florida Statutes, is amended
486 to read:

487 331.313 Power of Space Florida with respect to roads.—

488 (1) Within the territorial limits of any spaceport
489 territory, Space Florida may acquire, through purchase or
490 interagency agreement, or as otherwise provided in law, and
491 construct, control, and maintain, roads deemed necessary by
492 Space Florida and connections thereto and extensions thereof now
493 or hereafter acquired, constructed, or maintained in accordance

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494 with established highway safety standards. ~~However, provided~~
495 ~~that,~~ in the event a road being addressed by Space Florida is
496 owned by another agency or jurisdiction, Space Florida, before
497 proceeding with the proposed project or work activity, must
498 consult ~~shall have either coordinated the desired work~~ with the
499 ~~owning~~ agency or jurisdiction that owns the road ~~or shall have~~
500 ~~successfully executed an interagency agreement with the owning~~
501 ~~agency or jurisdiction.~~

502 (2) Space Florida shall advise the Department of
503 Transportation of any determination it makes to construct or
504 maintain a road or bridge within its territory; provide the
505 department with complete copies of all documents, agreements,
506 resolutions, contracts, and instruments relating to such
507 construction or maintenance; and, if necessary, request the
508 department to perform such construction or maintenance work,
509 including the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way, planning,
510 surveying, and actual construction of the project. Space Florida
511 shall transfer to the Department of Transportation any funds
512 provided for such construction or maintenance. The Department of
513 Transportation is authorized to proceed with such construction
514 or maintenance and to use funds for such work in the same manner
515 that the department is authorized to use the funds otherwise
516 provided by law for construction of roads and bridges.

517 Section 12. Section 331.324, Florida Statutes, is amended
518 to read:

519 331.324 Contracts, grants, and contributions.—

520 (1) Space Florida may make and enter all contracts and
521 agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of the
522 functions of Space Florida and the execution of its powers, and

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523 contract with, and accept and receive grants or loans of money,
524 material, or property from, any person, private or public, as
525 the board shall determine to be necessary or desirable to carry
526 out the purposes of this act, and, in connection with any such
527 contract, grant, or loan, stipulate and agree to such covenants,
528 terms, and conditions as the board shall deem appropriate.

529 (2) (a) A contract with an organization for services which
530 exceeds \$50,000 or is for a period of 12 months or longer must
531 include provisions requiring a service auditor report to provide
532 periodic assessments of the effectiveness of the executed
533 contract document, the organization, and any other providers
534 relevant to the contract, to ensure that the service
535 organization maintains adequate internal controls to comply with
536 the terms and conditions of the contract, to validate and
537 receive goods and services, and to determine whether the
538 contracted service is cost-effective and meets Space Florida's
539 requirements and goals.

540 (b) Space Florida shall submit the service auditor's final
541 assessment report to the Space Florida board of directors and
542 the Secretary of Economic Opportunity or his or her designee.
543 Within 30 days after receipt of the final assessment report, the
544 board shall submit to the Department of Economic Opportunity a
545 written statement of explanation or rebuttal concerning findings
546 requiring corrective action, including corrective action to be
547 taken to preclude a recurrence of such findings.

548 Section 13. In the event of a conflict of any provision of
549 this act with the provisions of any other act, this act shall
550 control to the extent of such conflict.

551 Section 14. This act shall take effect July 1, 2023.