

By the Committees on Rules; and 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; amending s. 331.303, F.S.; revising the
14 definitions of the terms "aerospace" and "landing
15 area"; amending s. 331.305, F.S.; making a technical
16 change; amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; revising the
17 duties of Space Florida; requiring the Department of
18 Economic Opportunity to annually submit a proposed
19 operating budget by a specified date; requiring Space
20 Florida to annually report on its performance by a
21 specified date; specifying information that the report
22 must include; requiring Space Florida to provide a
23 copy of a certain facilities report to specified
24 recipients; amending s. 331.3081, F.S.; revising
25 membership of the board of directors of Space Florida;
26 providing for certain Senate confirmation; specifying
27 requirements for the appointing official, staggered
28 terms, reappointments, filling of vacancies, and
29 removal of members; providing that appointed members

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30 serve without compensation but may receive
31 reimbursement for per diem and travel expenses;
32 specifying requirements regarding meetings of the
33 board of directors; specifying what constitutes a
34 quorum and when the board of directors may take
35 official action; authorizing meetings through
36 teleconference; providing that open meeting and public
37 records laws apply to Space Florida and its board of
38 directors; requiring the board to conduct certain
39 education programs for new board members; prohibiting
40 Space Florida from endorsing a candidate for elected
41 public office or contributing moneys to such
42 candidate's campaign; specifying that members of the
43 existing board may serve until a specified date;
44 requiring that the appointments of certain board
45 members take effect on a specified date; amending s.
46 331.310, F.S.; conforming a cross-reference; revising
47 the powers and duties of the board of directors of
48 Space Florida; amending s. 331.3101, F.S.; revising
49 the scheduled expiration of provisions requiring
50 certain information in an annual report; deleting the
51 scheduled expiration of provisions relating to the
52 expenditure of certain funds; amending s. 331.312,
53 F.S.; expanding the authority that Space Florida may
54 exercise within certain geographical limits; amending
55 s. 331.313, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to consult
56 with certain agencies and jurisdictions regarding
57 certain roads; requiring Space Florida to advise the
58 Department of Transportation of certain determinations

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59 and take certain actions relating to certain
60 construction projects; requiring Space Florida to
61 transfer certain funds to the Department of
62 Transportation; authorizing the Department of
63 Transportation to proceed with certain construction or
64 maintenance in a certain manner; amending s. 331.324,
65 F.S.; requiring that certain contracts include
66 provisions requiring an auditor report to provide
67 certain periodic assessments; requiring Space Florida
68 to submit the auditor's final assessment report to
69 specified entities; requiring the board of directors
70 to submit a certain statement to the Department of
71 Economic Opportunity within a specified timeframe;
72 providing construction; providing an effective date
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74 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:
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76 Section 1. Paragraph (b) of subsection (9) and paragraph
77 (b) of subsection (10) of section 20.60, Florida Statutes, are
78 amended to read:

79 20.60 Department of Economic Opportunity; creation; powers
80 and duties.—

81 (9) The secretary shall:

82 (b) Serve as the manager for the state with respect to
83 contracts with Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and all
84 applicable direct-support organizations. To accomplish the
85 provisions of this section and applicable provisions of chapters
86 ~~chapter~~ 288 and 331, and notwithstanding ~~the provisions of part~~
87 I of chapter 287, the secretary shall enter into specific

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88 contracts with Space Florida, Enterprise Florida, Inc., and
89 other appropriate direct-support organizations. Such contracts
90 may be for multiyear terms and must include specific performance
91 measures for each year. For purposes of this section, the
92 Florida Tourism Industry Marketing Corporation and the Institute
93 for Commercialization of Florida Technology are not appropriate
94 direct-support organizations.

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

100 (b) The report must incorporate annual reports of other
101 programs, including:

102 1. Information provided by the Department of Revenue under
103 s. 290.014.

104 2. Information provided by enterprise zone development
105 agencies under s. 290.0056 and an analysis of the activities and
106 accomplishments of each enterprise zone.

107 3. The Economic Gardening Business Loan Pilot Program
108 established under s. 288.1081 and the Economic Gardening
109 Technical Assistance Pilot Program established under s.
110 288.1082.

111 4. A detailed report of the performance of the Black
112 Business Loan Program and a cumulative summary of quarterly
113 report data required under s. 288.714.

114 5. The Rural Economic Development Initiative established
115 under s. 288.0656.

116 6. The Florida Unique Abilities Partner Program.

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117 7. A detailed report of the performance of the Florida
118 Development Finance Corporation and a summary of the
119 corporation's report required under s. 288.9610.

120 8. Information provided by Space Florida under s. 331.3051
121 and an analysis of the activities and accomplishments of Space
122 Florida.

123 Section 2. Paragraph (a) of subsection (2) of section
124 288.0001, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

125 288.0001 Economic Development Programs Evaluation.—The
126 Office of Economic and Demographic Research and the Office of
127 Program Policy Analysis and Government Accountability (OPPAGA)
128 shall develop and present to the Governor, the President of the
129 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the
130 chairs of the legislative appropriations committees the Economic
131 Development Programs Evaluation.

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

135 (a) By January 1, 2014, and every 3 years thereafter, an
136 analysis of the following:

137 1. The capital investment tax credit established under s.
138 220.191.

139 2. The qualified target industry tax refund established
140 under s. 288.106.

141 3. The brownfield redevelopment bonus refund established
142 under s. 288.107.

143 4. High-impact business performance grants established
144 under s. 288.108.

145 5. The Quick Action Closing Fund established under s.

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146 288.1088.

147 6. The Innovation Incentive Program established under s.
148 288.1089.

149 7. Enterprise Zone Program incentives established under ss.
150 212.08(5) and (15), 212.096, 220.181, and 220.182.

151 8. The New Markets Development Program established under
152 ss. 288.991-288.9922.

153 9. Space Florida established under s. 331.302.

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

156 331.303 Definitions.—

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

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

174 Section 4. Subsection (13) of section 331.305, Florida

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175 Statutes, is amended to read:

176 331.305 Powers of Space Florida.—Space Florida may:

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

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

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204 paragraph (e) of subsection (7) of that section are amended, to
205 read:

206 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

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

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

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

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

231 (b) Organizing, hosting, and participating in seminars and
232 other forums designed to disseminate information and technical

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233 assistance regarding aerospace-related financing.

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

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

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

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

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

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

261 (12) Partner with the Division of Workforce Services of the

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262 Department of Economic Opportunity, CareerSource Florida, Inc.,
263 and local workforce development boards to support initiatives
264 that address the high technology skills and staff resources
265 needed to better promote the state's efforts in becoming the
266 nation's leader in aerospace and space exploration.

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

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

281 (b) The annual report must include:

282 1. Operations information as required under s.
283 331.310(2)(e).

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

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

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291 by geographic areas within this state as specified by the board.

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

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

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

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

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

309 (a) The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her
310 designee.

311 (b) Four members appointed by the Governor.

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

313 (d) One member who is appointed by the President of the
314 Senate from the members of the Senate and who shall serve ex
315 officio as a nonvoting member of the board.

316 (e) One member appointed by the Speaker of the House of
317 Representatives.

318 (f) One member who is appointed by the Speaker of the House
319 of Representatives from the members of the House of

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320 Representatives and who shall serve ex officio as a nonvoting
321 member of the board.

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

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

328 2. Operations or management of a port district or port
329 authority, as defined in s. 315.02(1) or (2), respectively.

330 3. Operations or management of a spaceport territory, as
331 identified in s. 331.304.

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

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

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

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

345 b. Bond financing.

346 c. Academic study of aerospace, aviation, or a relevant
347 science.

348 d. Management or operation of aircraft facilities, fixed-

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349 base operations, or commercial airport operations.

350 e. Management or finance of a technology or manufacturing
351 startup business or international business.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

375 (4) (a) The board of directors shall meet at least
376 quarterly, upon the call of the chair, or at the request of a
377 majority of the membership.

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378 (b) A majority of the total number of current voting
379 members constitutes a quorum. The board of directors may take
380 official action by a majority vote of the members present at any
381 meeting at which a quorum is present.

382 (c) Meetings may be held through teleconference or other
383 electronic means.

384 (5) Open meeting and public records requirements of chapter
385 119 and s. 286.011 apply to Space Florida and its board of
386 directors.

387 (6) The board shall conduct education programs for newly
388 appointed board members as provided by the Department of
389 Economic Opportunity in accordance with s. 189.063.

390 (7) Space Florida may not endorse any candidate for elected
391 public office or contribute moneys to the campaign of any such
392 candidate.

393 Section 7. Members appointed to the board of directors of
394 Space Florida before the effective date of this act may continue
395 to serve on the board until October 1, 2023. All new
396 appointments to the board of directors as required in s.
397 331.3081, Florida Statutes, as amended by this act, shall take
398 effect on October 1, 2023.

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

401 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.-

402 (2) The board of directors shall:

403 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement
404 to the annual report required under s. ~~331.3051(14)~~ ~~s.~~
405 ~~331.3051(11)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a
406 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in

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407 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity
408 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the
409 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and
410 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the
411 year's business, and prospects for the next year.

412 (f) Establish a personnel management system and appropriate
413 security controls, including access privileges and other
414 measures to protect the confidentiality, integrity, and
415 availability of data and resources.

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

418 331.3101 Space Florida; travel and entertainment expenses.—

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

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

424 (b) To the extent such expenses exceed the generally
425 allowable expense limits under s. 112.061, provide reasons
426 behind the need to exceed the statutory expense limits in s.
427 112.061;

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

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

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436 (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, travel
437 and entertainment expenses incurred by Space Florida may only be
438 for expenses that are solely and exclusively incurred in
439 connection with the performance of its statutory duties and made
440 in accordance with this subsection.

441 (a) ~~For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,~~ Space Florida may not
442 expend any funds, regardless of whether appropriated by the
443 Legislature or from income earned by Space Florida, on travel
444 and entertainment expenses for the fiscal year in excess of an
445 amount equal to 4 percent of the amount appropriated to Space
446 Florida in the General Appropriations Act. ~~No~~ Funds may not be
447 expended on any recreational activities for any Space Florida
448 board member, staff, employee, business client, or guest.

449 (b) ~~For the 2022-2023 fiscal year,~~ Lodging expenses for a
450 board member, staff, or an employee of Space Florida may not
451 exceed \$150 per day, excluding taxes, unless Space Florida is
452 participating in a negotiated group rate discount or Space
453 Florida provides documentation of at least three comparable
454 alternatives demonstrating that such lodging at the required
455 rate is not available. However, a board member, staff, or an
456 employee of Space Florida may expend his or her own funds for
457 any lodging expenses in excess of \$150 per day.

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

459 Section 10. Section 331.312, Florida Statutes, is amended
460 to read:

461 331.312 Furnishing facilities and services within the
462 spaceport territory.—Space Florida may own, acquire, construct,
463 develop, create, maintain, equip, extend, improve, reconstruct,
464 and operate its projects within the geographical limits of the

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465 spaceport territory, including any portions of the spaceport
466 territory located inside the boundaries of any ~~incorporated~~
467 ~~municipality or other~~ political subdivision, and offer, supply,
468 maintain, and furnish the facilities and services provided for
469 in this act to, and establish and collect fees, rentals, and
470 other charges from, persons, public or private, within the
471 geographical limits of the spaceport territory and for the use
472 of Space Florida itself.

473 Section 11. Section 331.313, Florida Statutes, is amended
474 to read:

475 331.313 Power of Space Florida with respect to roads.—

476 (1) Within the territorial limits of any spaceport
477 territory, Space Florida may ~~acquire~~, through purchase or
478 interagency agreement, or as otherwise provided in law, and
479 construct, control, and maintain, roads deemed necessary by
480 Space Florida and connections thereto and extensions thereof now
481 or hereafter acquired, constructed, or maintained in accordance
482 with established highway safety standards. ~~However, provided~~
483 ~~that~~, in the event a road being addressed by Space Florida is
484 owned by another agency or jurisdiction, Space Florida, before
485 proceeding with the proposed project or work activity, must
486 consult ~~shall have either coordinated the desired work~~ with the
487 ~~owning~~ agency or jurisdiction that owns the road ~~or shall have~~
488 ~~successfully executed an interagency agreement with the owning~~
489 ~~agency or jurisdiction.~~

490 (2) Space Florida shall advise the Department of
491 Transportation of any determination Space Florida makes to
492 construct or maintain a road or bridge within its territory;
493 provide the department with complete copies of all documents,

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494 agreements, resolutions, contracts, and instruments relating to
495 such construction or maintenance; and, if necessary, request the
496 department to perform such construction or maintenance work,
497 including the acquisition of necessary rights-of-way, planning,
498 surveying, and actual construction of the project. Space Florida
499 shall transfer to the Department of Transportation any funds
500 provided for such construction or maintenance. The Department of
501 Transportation is authorized to proceed with such construction
502 or maintenance and to use funds for such work in the same manner
503 that the department is authorized to use the funds otherwise
504 provided by law for construction of roads and bridges.

505 Section 12. Section 331.324, Florida Statutes, is amended
506 to read:

507 331.324 Contracts, grants, and contributions.—

508 (1) Space Florida may make and enter all contracts and
509 agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of the
510 functions of Space Florida and the execution of its powers, ~~and~~
511 may contract with, and accept and receive grants or loans of
512 money, material, or property from, any person, private or
513 public, as the board determines ~~shall determine~~ to be necessary
514 or desirable to carry out the purposes of this act, and may, in
515 connection with any such contract, grant, or loan, stipulate and
516 agree to such covenants, terms, and conditions as the board
517 deems ~~shall deem~~ appropriate.

518 (2) (a) A contract with a service organization for services
519 which exceeds \$250,000 and is for a period of 12 months or
520 longer must include provisions requiring an auditor report to
521 provide periodic assessments of the effectiveness of the
522 executed contract document, the service organization, and any

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523 other providers relevant to the contract, to ensure that the
524 service organization maintains adequate internal controls to
525 comply with the terms and conditions of the contract, to
526 validate and receive goods and services, and to determine
527 whether the contracted service is cost-effective and meets Space
528 Florida's requirements and goals.

529 (b) Space Florida shall submit the auditor's final report
530 to the Space Florida board of directors and the Secretary of
531 Economic Opportunity, or his or her designee. Within 30 days
532 after receipt of the final report, the board shall submit to the
533 Department of Economic Opportunity a written statement of
534 explanation or rebuttal concerning findings requiring corrective
535 action, including corrective action to be taken to preclude a
536 recurrence of such findings.

537 Section 13. In the event of a conflict of any provision of
538 this act with the provisions of any other act, this act shall
539 control to the extent of such conflict.

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