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Representative Abbott offered the following:

Amendment (with title amendment)

Remove lines 586-2063 and insert:

that is located in a county in which real property is designated
as spaceport territory under s. 331.304 and that uses land,
facilities, or infrastructure for the purpose of supporting
spacecraft launch and recovery operations must, in any agreement
with the Department of Transportation, agree that the seaport
may not convert any planned or existing land, facility, or
infrastructure that supports cargo purposes to any alternative
purpose unless the conversion is approved by the seaport's
governing board at a publicly noticed meeting as a separate line

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14 on the agenda and with a reasonable opportunity for public
15 comment, and, if approved, the Legislature expressly approves
16 the use of state funds for a project that includes such a
17 conversion, whether by a work program amendment or through the
18 general appropriations act. As used in this subsection, the term
19 "cargo purposes" includes, but is not limited to, any facility,
20 activity, property, energy source, or infrastructure asset that
21 supports spaceport activities.

22 **Section 5. Present subsection (8) of section 311.101,**
23 **Florida Statutes, is redesignated as subsection (9), a new**
24 **subsection (8) is added to that section, and subsection (2) of**
25 **that section is amended, to read:**

26 311.101 Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support
27 Program.—

28 (2) For the purposes of this section, the term "intermodal
29 logistics center," including, but not limited to, an "inland
30 port," means a facility or group of facilities serving as a
31 point of intermodal transfer of freight in a specific area
32 physically separated from a seaport where activities relating to
33 transport, logistics, goods distribution, consolidation, or
34 value-added activities are carried out and whose activities and
35 services are designed to support or be supported by conveyance
36 or shipping through one or more seaports listed in s. 311.09 or
37 airports as defined in s. 330.27.

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38 (8) (a) There is created within the Department of
39 Transportation an intermodal logistics center working group. The
40 purpose of the working group is to coordinate the planning and
41 development of intermodal logistics centers across this state.
42 The working group shall be composed of the following members:
43 1. The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her
44 designee.
45 2. The Secretary of Commerce, or his or her designee.
46 3. The Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her
47 designee.
48 4. One member from a seaport listed in s. 311.09(1),
49 appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
50 5. One member from an airport, appointed by the Secretary
51 of Transportation.
52 6. One member from an intermodal logistics center,
53 appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
54 7. One member from the agricultural industry, appointed by
55 the Commissioner of Agriculture.
56 8. One member from the trucking industry, appointed by the
57 Secretary of Transportation.
58 9. One member from the freight rail industry, appointed by
59 the Secretary of Transportation.
60 10. One member from the passenger rail industry, appointed
61 by the Secretary of Transportation.

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62 11. One member from a business located within an
63 intermodal logistics center, appointed by the Secretary of
64 Commerce.

65 12. One member from a local workforce development board
66 created pursuant to chapter 445, appointed by the president of
67 CareerSource Florida, Inc.

68 (b) The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her
69 designee, shall serve as the chair of the working group. The
70 Secretary of Commerce, or his or her designee, shall serve as
71 vice chair of the working group.

72 (c) Members of the working group shall serve without
73 compensation but are eligible for per diem and travel expenses
74 pursuant to s. 112.061.

75 (d) The working group is responsible for all of the
76 following:

77 1. Conducting a study of regional needs regarding
78 intermodal logistics centers, including a breakdown of urban
79 versus rural locations for intermodal logistics centers.

80 2. Determining the statewide benefits of intermodal
81 logistics centers.

82 3. Evaluating the impact of existing and proposed freight
83 and passenger rail service on existing rail corridors and the
84 need for any additional rail capacity.

85 4. Evaluating key criteria used by the state to expand and
86 develop the intermodal logistics center network through the use

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of the Strategic Intermodal System created pursuant to ss.
339.61-339.651, including any recommended changes to state law.

5. Evaluating the readiness of existing and proposed
locations for intermodal logistics centers and developing a list
of improvements that may be necessary to attract businesses to
those centers.

6. Evaluating and recommending potential state policies
that would enhance the development of a long-term statewide
strategy regarding intermodal logistics centers.

7. Evaluating the operations of freight logistics zones as
defined in s. 311.103(1), including the processes for their
designation and funding.

(e) On or before January 1, 2027, the working group shall
submit a report to the Governor, the President of the Senate,
and the Speaker of the House of Representatives providing the
working group's findings and recommendations regarding the
responsibilities listed in paragraph (d).

(f) This subsection is repealed on June 30, 2027.

**Section 6. Subsection (83) of section 316.003, Florida
Statutes, is amended to read:**

316.003 Definitions.—The following words and phrases, when
used in this chapter, shall have the meanings respectively
ascribed to them in this section, except where the context
otherwise requires:

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(83) SPECIAL MOBILE EQUIPMENT.—Any vehicle not designed or used primarily for the transportation of persons or property and only incidentally operated or moved over a highway, including, but not limited to, ditchdigging apparatus, well-boring apparatus, and road construction and maintenance machinery, such as asphalt spreaders, bituminous mixers, bucket loaders, tractors other than truck tractors, ditchers, leveling graders, finishing machines, motor graders, road rollers, scarifiers, earthmoving carryalls and scrapers, power shovels and draglines, mobile and self-propelled cranes and accessory support vehicles, and earthmoving equipment. The term does not include house trailers, dump trucks, truck-mounted transit mixers, ~~cranes or shovels,~~ or other vehicles designed for the transportation of persons or property to which machinery has been attached.

Section 7. Section 316.0741, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 8. Subsection (7) of section 316.0745, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.0745 Uniform signals and devices.—

(7) The Department of Transportation may, upon receipt and investigation of reported noncompliance and after hearing pursuant to 14 days' notice, direct the removal of any purported traffic control device that fails to meet the requirements of this section, wherever the device is located and without regard to assigned responsibility under s. 316.1895. The public agency

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erecting or installing the same shall immediately bring it into compliance with the requirements of this section or remove said device or signal upon the direction of the Department of Transportation and may not, for a period of 5 years, install any replacement or new traffic control devices paid for in part or in full with revenues raised by the state unless written prior approval is received from the Department of Transportation. Any additional violation by a public body or official shall be cause for the withholding of state funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund ~~for traffic control purposes~~ until such public body or official demonstrates to the Department of Transportation that it is complying with this section.

Section 9. Subsection (3) of section 316.550, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

316.550 Operations not in conformity with law; special permits.—

(3) Notwithstanding subsection (2), the Department of Transportation may issue a mobile crane special blanket permit for any of the following purposes:

(a) To authorize a mobile crane to operate on and ~~A permit may authorize a self-propelled truck crane operating~~ off the Interstate Highway System while towing ~~to tow~~ a motor vehicle that ~~which~~ does not weigh more than 5,000 pounds if the combined weight of the crane and such motor vehicle does not exceed 95,000 pounds. Notwithstanding s. 320.01(7) or (12), mobile

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truck cranes that tow another motor vehicle under the provision
of this subsection shall be taxed under the provisions of s.
320.08(5)(b).

(b) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support
vehicles that are up to 12 feet in width, 14 feet 6 inches in
height, and 100 feet in length to operate on and off the
Interstate Highway System at all hours except as restricted
under a local travel-related curfew.

(c) To authorize a mobile crane and accessory support
vehicles that, due to their design for special use, exceed the
weight limits established in s. 316.535 to operate on and off
the Interstate Highway System.

**Section 10. Subsections (1) and (3), paragraphs (a) and
(c) of subsection (4), and subsection (6) of section 320.084,
Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

320.084 Free motor vehicle license plate to certain
disabled veterans.—

(1) One free disabled veteran "DV" motor vehicle license
number plate shall be issued by the department for use on any
motor vehicle owned or leased by any disabled veteran who has
been a resident of this state continuously for the preceding 5
years or has established a domicile in this state as provided by
s. 222.17(1), (2), or (3), and who has been honorably discharged
from the United States Armed Forces, upon application,
accompanied by proof that:

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(a) A vehicle was initially acquired through financial assistance by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor specifically for the purchase of an automobile;

(b) The applicant has been determined by the United States Department of Veterans Affairs or its predecessor to have a service-connected 100-percent disability rating for compensation; or

(c) The applicant has been determined to have a service-connected disability rating of 100 percent and is in receipt of disability retirement pay from any branch of the United States Armed Services.

(3) The department shall, as it deems necessary, require each person to whom a motor vehicle license plate has been issued pursuant to subsection (1) to apply to the department for reissuance of his or her registration license plate. Upon receipt of the application and proof of the applicant's continued eligibility, the department shall issue a new permanent disabled veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate which shall be of the colors red, white, and blue similar to the colors of the United States flag. The operation of a motor vehicle displaying a disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license plate from a previous issue period or a noncurrent validation sticker after the date specified by the department shall subject the owner if he or she is present, otherwise the operator, to the

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211 penalty provided in s. 318.18(2). Such permanent license plate
212 shall be removed upon sale of the vehicle, but may be
213 transferred to another vehicle owned by such veteran in the
214 manner prescribed by law. ~~The license number of each plate~~
215 ~~issued under this section shall be identified by the letter~~
216 ~~designation "DV."~~ Upon request of any such veteran, the
217 department is authorized to issue a designation plate containing
218 only the letters "DV," to be displayed on the front of the
219 vehicle.

220 (4)(a) With the issuance of each new permanent disabled
221 veteran ~~"DV" numerical~~ motor vehicle license plate, the
222 department shall initially issue, without cost to the applicant,
223 a validation sticker reflecting the owner's birth month and a
224 serially numbered validation sticker reflecting the year of
225 expiration. The initial sticker reflecting the year of
226 expiration may not exceed 27 months.

227 (c) Registration under this section shall be renewed
228 annually or biennially during the applicable renewal period on
229 forms prescribed by the department, which shall include, in
230 addition to any other information required by the department, a
231 certified statement as to the continued eligibility of the
232 applicant to receive the special disabled veteran ~~"DV"~~ license
233 plate. Any applicant who falsely or fraudulently submits to the
234 department the certified statement required by this paragraph is

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guilty of a noncriminal violation and is subject to a civil penalty of \$50.

(6) (a) A disabled veteran who meets the requirements of subsection (1) may be issued, in lieu of the disabled veteran "DV" license plate, a military license plate for which he or she is eligible or a specialty license plate embossed with the initials "DV" in the top left-hand corner. A disabled veteran electing a military license plate or specialty license plate under this subsection must pay all applicable fees related to such license plate, except for fees otherwise waived under subsections (1) and (4).

(b) A military license plate or specialty license plate elected under this subsection÷

~~1. Does not provide the protections or rights afforded by ss. 316.1955, 316.1964, 320.0848, 526.141, and 553.5041.~~

~~2.~~ is not eligible for the international symbol of accessibility as described in s. 320.0842.

Section 11. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section 320.0848, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

320.0848 Persons who have disabilities; issuance of disabled parking permits; temporary permits; permits for certain providers of transportation services to persons who have disabilities.—

(2) DISABLED PARKING PERMIT; PERSONS WITH LONG-TERM MOBILITY PROBLEMS.—

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(e) A person who qualifies for a disabled parking permit under this section may be issued an international wheelchair user symbol license plate under s. 320.0843 in lieu of the disabled parking permit; or, if the person qualifies for a disabled veteran "DV" license plate under s. 320.084, such a license plate may be issued to him or her in lieu of a disabled parking permit.

Section 12. Section 330.27, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

330.27 Definitions, when used in ss. 330.29-330.39.—

(1) "Air ambulance operation" means a flight with a patient or medical personnel on board for the purpose of medical transportation.

(2) "Aircraft" means a powered or unpowered machine or device capable of atmospheric flight, including, but not limited to, an airplane, an autogyro, a glider, a gyrodyne, a helicopter, a lift and cruise, a multicopter, paramotors, a powered lift, a seaplane, a tiltrotor, an ultralight, and a vectored thrust. The term does not include ~~except~~ a parachute or other such device used primarily as safety equipment.

~~(3)-(2)~~ "Airport" means a specific an area of land or water or a structure used for, or intended to be used for, aircraft operations, which may include landing and takeoff of aircraft, including appurtenant areas, buildings, facilities, or rights-of-way necessary to facilitate such use or intended use. The

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term includes, but is not limited to, airparks, airports, gliderports, heliports, helistops, seaplane bases, ultralight flightparks, vertiports, and vertistops.

(4) "Commercial air tour operation" means a flight conducted for compensation or hire in an aircraft where a purpose of the flight is sightseeing.

(5) "Commuter operation" means any scheduled operation conducted by a person operating an aircraft with a frequency of operations of at least five round trips per week on at least one route between two or more points according to the published flight schedule.

~~(6)(3)~~ "Department" means the Department of Transportation.

~~(7)(4)~~ "Limited airport" means any airport limited exclusively to the specific conditions stated on the site approval order or license.

(8) "On-demand operation" means any scheduled passenger-carrying operation for compensation or hire conducted by a person operating an aircraft with a frequency of operations of fewer than five round trips per week on at least one route between two or more points according to the published flight schedule.

~~(9)(5)~~ "Private airport" means an airport, publicly or privately owned, which is not open or available for use by the

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public, but may be made available to others by invitation of the owner or manager.

(10) "Private airport of public interest" means a private airport engaged in air ambulance operations, commercial air tour operations, commuter operations, on-demand operations, public charter operations, scheduled operations, or supplemental operations.

(11)~~(6)~~ "Public airport" means an airport, publicly or privately owned, which is open for use by the public.

(12) "Public charter operation" means a one-way or round-trip charter flight performed by one or more direct air carriers which is arranged and sponsored by a charter operator.

(13) "Scheduled operation" means any common carriage passenger-carrying operation for compensation or hire conducted by an air carrier or commercial operator for which the certificateholder or its representative offers in advance the departure location, departure time, and arrival location.

(14) "Supplemental operation" means any common carriage operation for compensation or hire conducted with an aircraft for which the departure time, departure location, and arrival location are specifically negotiated with the customer or customer's representative.

(15)~~(7)~~ "Temporary airport" means an airport at which flight operations are conducted under visual flight rules established by the Federal Aviation Administration and which is

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used for less than 30 consecutive days with no more than 10 operations per day.

~~(8) "Ultralight aircraft" means any aircraft meeting the criteria established by part 103 of the Federal Aviation Regulations.~~

Section 13. Subsections (2) and (4) of section 330.30, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

330.30 Approval of airport sites; registration, certification, and licensure of airports.—

(2) LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS, AND REGISTRATIONS; REQUIREMENTS, RENEWAL, REVOCATION.—

(a) Except as provided in subsection (3), the owner or lessee of an airport in this state shall have a public airport license, private airport registration, or temporary airport registration before the operation of aircraft to or from the airport. Application for a license or registration shall be made in a form and manner prescribed by the department.

1. For a public airport, upon granting site approval, the department shall issue a license after a final airport inspection finds the airport to be in compliance with all requirements for the license. The license may be subject to any reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

2. For a private airport, upon granting site approval, the department shall provide controlled electronic access to the

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state aviation facility data system to permit the applicant to complete the registration process. Registration shall be completed upon self-certification by the registrant of operational and configuration data deemed necessary by the department.

3. For a temporary airport, the department must publish notice of receipt of a completed registration application in the next available publication of the Florida Administrative Register and may not approve a registration application less than 14 days after the date of publication of the notice. The department must approve or deny a registration application within 30 days after receipt of a completed application and must issue the temporary airport registration concurrent with the airport site approval. A completed registration application that is not approved or denied within 30 days after the department receives the completed application is considered approved and shall be issued, subject to such reasonable conditions as are authorized by law. An applicant seeking to claim registration by default under this subparagraph must notify the agency clerk of the department, in writing, of the intent to rely upon the default registration provision of this subparagraph and may not take any action based upon the default registration until after receipt of such notice by the agency clerk.

4. A private airport of public interest must obtain a certificate from the department before allowing aircraft

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operations. The department shall issue a certificate after a final inspection finds the airport to be in compliance with all certificate requirements. The certificate is subject to any reasonable conditions the department deems necessary to protect the public. A private airport that was engaged in operations associated with a private airport of public interest on or before July 1, 2025, must obtain a certificate from the department by July 1, 2030.

(b) The department may license a public airport that does not meet standards only if it determines that such exception is justified by unusual circumstances or is in the interest of public convenience and does not endanger the public health, safety, or welfare. Such a license shall bear the designation "special" and shall state the conditions subject to which the license is granted.

(c) A temporary airport license or registration shall be valid for less than 30 days and is not renewable. The department may not approve a subsequent temporary airport registration application for the same general location if the purpose or effect is to evade otherwise applicable airport permitting or licensure requirements.

(d)1. Each public airport license shall expire no later than 1 year after the effective date of the license, except that the expiration date of a license may be adjusted to provide a maximum license period of 18 months to facilitate airport

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inspections, recognize seasonal airport operations, or improve administrative efficiency.

2. Registration for private airports shall remain valid provided specific elements of airport data, established by the department, are periodically recertified by the airport registrant. The ability to recertify private airport registration data shall be available at all times by electronic submittal. A private airport registration that has not been recertified in the 24-month period following the last certification shall expire, unless the registration period has been adjusted by the department for purposes of informing private airport owners of their registration responsibilities or promoting administrative efficiency. The expiration date of the current registration period will be clearly identifiable from the state aviation facility data system.

3. The effective date and expiration date shall be shown on public airport licenses. Upon receiving an application for renewal of an airport license in a form and manner prescribed by the department and receiving a favorable inspection report indicating compliance with all applicable requirements and conditions, the department shall renew the license, subject to any conditions deemed necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare.

4. The department may require a new site approval for any airport if the license or registration has expired.

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434 5. If the renewal application for a public airport license
435 has not been received by the department or no private airport
436 registration recertification has been accomplished within 15
437 days after the date of expiration, the department may revoke the
438 airport license or registration.

439 6. After initial registration, the department may issue a
440 certificate to a private airport of public interest if the
441 airport is found, after a physical inspection, to be in
442 compliance with all certificate requirements. The certificate is
443 subject to any reasonable condition that the department deems
444 necessary to protect the public health, safety, or welfare. A
445 private airport of public interest certificate expires 5 years
446 after the effective date of the certificate.

447 (e) The department may revoke, or refuse to allow or
448 issue, any airport registration or recertification, or any
449 license or license renewal, if it determines:

- 450 1. That the site has been abandoned as an airport;
451 2. That the airport does not comply with the conditions of
452 the license, license renewal, or site approval;
453 3. That the airport has become either unsafe or unusable
454 for flight operation due to physical or legal changes in
455 conditions that were the subject of approval; or
456 4. That an airport required to file or update a security
457 plan pursuant to paragraph (f) has failed to do so.

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(f)1. After initial licensure, a license of a publicly or privately owned general aviation airport that is open to the public, that has at least one runway greater than 4,999 feet in length, and that does not host scheduled passenger-carrying commercial service operations regulated under 14 C.F.R. part 139 shall not be renewed or reissued unless an approved security plan has been filed with the department, except when the department determines that the airport is working in good faith toward completion and filing of the plan.

2. Security plans required by this paragraph must be developed in accordance with the 2004 Security Planning for General Aviation Airports guidelines published by the Florida Airports Council. Certain administrative data from the approved security plan shall be submitted to the Department of Law Enforcement, in a format prescribed by the Department of Law Enforcement, for use in protecting critical infrastructure of the state.

3. The department shall not approve a security plan for filing unless it is consistent with Florida Airports Council guidelines.

4. An airport required to file a security plan pursuant to this paragraph shall update its plan at least once every 2 years after the initial filing date and file the updated plan with the department. The department shall review the updated plan prior to approving it for filing to determine whether it is consistent

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with Florida Airports Council guidelines. No renewal license shall be issued to the airport unless the department approves the updated security plan or determines that the airport is working in good faith to update it.

(4) EXCEPTIONS.—Private airports with 10 or more based aircraft may request to be inspected and licensed by the department. Private airports licensed according to this subsection shall be considered private airports as defined in s. 330.27 ~~s. 330.27(5)~~ in all other respects.

Section 14. Section 330.355, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

330.355 Prohibition on landing fees for certain aircraft operations.—A publicly owned airport in this state may not charge a landing fee established on or after January 1, 2025, for aircraft operations conducted by an accredited nonprofit institution located in this state which offers a 4-year collegiate aviation program, if such aircraft operations are for flight training necessary for pilot certification and proficiency.

Section 15. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investment.—

(1) In consultation with Space Florida, the Department of Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity

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improvement projects, as defined in s. 331.303, at up to 100 percent of the project's cost if:

(a)~~(1)~~ Important access and on-spaceport-territory space transportation capacity improvements are provided;

(b)~~(2)~~ Capital improvements that strategically position the state to maximize opportunities in international trade are achieved;

(c)~~(3)~~ Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved; and

(d)~~(4)~~ Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

(2) (a) In consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection, the Department of Transportation may fund infrastructure projects, and projects associated with critical infrastructure facilities as defined in s. 692.201, within or outside of a spaceport territory as long as the project supports aerospace or launch support facilities within an adjacent spaceport territory boundary.

(b) The Department of Transportation, the Department of Commerce, and the Department of Environmental Protection shall coordinate in funding projects under this subsection to optimize the use of available funds.

Section 16. Section 332.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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531 332.003 Florida Airport Development and Accountability
532 ~~Assistance~~ Act; short title.—Sections 332.003–332.007 may be
533 cited as the "Florida Airport Development and Accountability
534 ~~Assistance~~ Act."

535 **Section 17. Section 332.005, Florida Statutes, is amended**
536 **to read:**

537 332.005 Restrictions on authority of Department of
538 Transportation.—

539 (1) This act specifically prohibits the Department of
540 Transportation from regulating commercial air carriers operating
541 within the state pursuant to federal authority and regulations;
542 from participating in or exercising control in the management
543 and operation of a sponsor's airport, except when officially
544 requested by the sponsor; or from expanding the design or
545 operational capability of the department in the area of airport
546 and aviation consultants' contract work, other than to provide
547 technical assistance as requested.

548 (2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), upon the
549 declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor in
550 preparation for or in response to a natural disaster, airports
551 shall, at no cost to the state, provide the Department of
552 Transportation with the opportunity to use any property that is
553 not subject to an existing lease agreement with a third party
554 and that is not within the air navigation facility as defined in

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s. 332.01(4) for the staging of equipment and personnel to
support emergency preparedness and response operations.

(b) After 60 days of use under paragraph (a), any further
use of airport property by the Department of Transportation must
be conducted pursuant to a written agreement between the airport
and the department.

**Section 18. Section 332.006, Florida Statutes, is amended
to read:**

332.006 Duties and responsibilities of the Department of
Transportation.—The Department of Transportation shall, within
the resources provided to the department ~~pursuant to chapter~~
~~216:~~

(1) Provide coordination and assistance for the
development of a viable aviation system in this state. To
support the system, a statewide aviation system plan shall be
developed and periodically updated which summarizes 5-year, 10-
year, and 20-year airport and aviation needs within the state.
The statewide aviation system plan shall be consistent with the
goals of the Florida Transportation Plan developed pursuant to
s. 339.155. The statewide aviation system plan shall not preempt
local airport master plans adopted in compliance with federal
and state requirements.

(2) Advise and assist the Governor in all aviation
matters.

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579 (3) Upon request, assist airport sponsors, both
580 financially and technically, in airport master planning.

581 (4) Upon request, provide financial and technical
582 assistance to public agencies which operate public-use airports
583 by making department personnel and department-owned facilities
584 and equipment available on a cost-reimbursement basis to such
585 agencies for special needs of limited duration. The requirement
586 relating to reimbursement of personnel costs may be waived by
587 the department in those cases in which the assistance provided
588 by its personnel was of a limited nature or duration.

589 (5) Participate in research and development programs
590 relating to airports.

591 (6) Administer department participation in the program of
592 aviation and airport grants as provided for in ss. 332.003-
593 332.007.

594 (7) Develop, promote, and distribute supporting
595 information and educational services, including, but not limited
596 to, educational services with a focus on retention and growth of
597 the aviation industry workforce.

598 (8) Encourage the maximum allocation of federal funds to
599 local airport projects in this state.

600 (9) Support the development of land located within the
601 boundaries of airports for the purpose of industrial or other
602 uses compatible with airport operations with the objective of
603 assisting airports in this state to become fiscally self-

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supporting. Such assistance may include providing state moneys on a matching basis to airport sponsors for capital improvements, including, but not limited to, fixed-base operation facilities, parking areas, industrial park utility systems, and road and rail transportation systems which are on airport property.

Section 19. Paragraph (a) of subsection (7) and subsections (8) and (9) of section 332.007, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (2) of that section, to read:

332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and airport programs and projects; state plan.—

(2)

(c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s. 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient movement of people and goods. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the department, that it has established and maintains a comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The

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comprehensive airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and records, must be open to inspection by the department and maintained by the airport for at least 5 years.

The comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a minimum, include all of the following:

1. Identification of airport infrastructure subject to inspection and the schedule for the completion of such inspections, taking into consideration the age, type, intended use, and criticality of the infrastructure to uninterrupted commercial or cargo operations.

2. A preventative maintenance program for routine maintenance of airport infrastructure, for both commercial and cargo operations.

3. A plan to complete any necessary repairs to, or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure, including prioritization and anticipated timeframe for completion of the work.

4. A progress report of inspections and their outcomes, preventative maintenance, and previously identified repair to, or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure. The progress report must include any changes in timeline for completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or rehabilitation did not take place.

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(7) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds in addition to aviation fuel tax revenues, the department may participate in the capital cost of eligible public airport and aviation discretionary capacity improvement projects. The annual legislative budget request shall be based on the funding required for discretionary capacity improvement projects in the aviation and airport work program.

(a) The department shall provide priority funding in support of:

1. Terminal and parking expansion projects that increase capacity at airports providing commercial service in counties with a population of 500,000 or less.

2. Land acquisition which provides additional capacity at the qualifying international airport or at that airport's supplemental air carrier airport.

~~3.2.~~ Runway and taxiway projects that add capacity or are necessary to accommodate technological changes in the aviation industry.

~~4.3.~~ Airport access transportation projects that improve direct airport access and are approved by the airport sponsor.

~~5.4.~~ International terminal projects that increase international gate capacity.

6. Projects that improve safety and efficiency of airport operations.

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677 7. Emerging technology projects, workforce development
678 projects, and projects that benefit the strategic intermodal
679 system through intermodal connectivity.

680 (8) The department may also fund eligible projects
681 performed by not-for-profit organizations that represent a
682 majority of public airports in this state and postsecondary
683 education institutions as defined in s. 1008.47 that support the
684 training of pilots, air traffic control personnel, or aircraft
685 maintenance technical personnel. Eligible projects may include
686 activities associated with aviation master planning,
687 professional education, safety and security planning, enhancing
688 economic development and efficiency at airports in this state,
689 or other planning efforts to improve the viability and safety of
690 airports in this state. Programs that support the transition of
691 honorably discharged military personnel to the aviation industry
692 are also eligible projects under this subsection. The department
693 may provide matching funds for eligible projects funded by the
694 Department of Commerce.

695 (9) The department may fund strategic airport investment
696 projects at up to 100 percent of the project's cost if:

697 (a) Important access and on-airport capacity improvements
698 are provided;

699 (b) Capital improvements that strategically position the
700 state to maximize opportunities in tourism, international trade,
701 logistics, and the aviation industry are provided;

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(c) Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved; and

(d) Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

Section 20. Paragraphs (a), (b), and (d) of subsection (1), subsection (2), and paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 332.0075, Florida Statutes, are amended, and paragraph (c) is added to subsection (5) of that section, to read:

332.0075 Commercial service airports; transparency and accountability; penalty.—

(1) As used in this section, the term:

(a) "Commercial service airport" means an airport providing commercial service, including large, medium, small, and nonhub airports as classified ~~a primary airport as defined in 49 U.S.C. s. 47102 which is classified as a large, medium, or small hub airport~~ by the Federal Aviation Administration.

(b) "Consent agenda" means an agenda which consists of items voted on collectively or as a group and which does not provide the opportunity for public comment on each such item before approval or disapproval by the governing body.

(d) "Governing body" means the governing body of the county, municipality, or special district that operates a commercial service airport. The term also includes an appointed board or oversight entity serving as the governing body for

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726 purposes of a commercial service airport on behalf of a county,
727 municipality, or special district.

728 (2) Each governing body shall establish and maintain a
729 website to post information relating to the operation of a
730 commercial service airport. The information must remain posted
731 on the website for 5 years or for the entirety of the period
732 during which the document is actively in use, whichever is
733 longer, and must include all of the following, including:

734 (a) All published notices of meetings and published
735 meeting agendas of the governing body.

736 (b) The official minutes of each meeting of the governing
737 body, which must ~~shall~~ be posted within 7 business days after
738 the date of the meeting in which the minutes were approved.

739 (c) The approved budget for the commercial service airport
740 for the current fiscal year, which shall be posted within 7
741 business days after the date of adoption. Budgets must remain on
742 the website for 5 ~~2~~ years after the conclusion of the fiscal
743 year for which they were adopted.

744 (d) Copies of the current airport master plan and the
745 immediately preceding airport master plan for the commercial
746 service airport and a link to the current airport master plan
747 ~~for the commercial service airport~~ on the commercial service
748 airport's website.

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(e) A link to all financial and statistical reports for the commercial service airport on the Federal Aviation Administration's website.

(f) Any contract or contract amendment for the purchase of commodities or contractual services executed by or on behalf of the commercial service airport in excess of the threshold amount provided in s. 287.017 for CATEGORY FIVE, which must ~~shall~~ be posted no later than 7 business days after the commercial service airport executes the contract or contract amendment. However, a contract or contract amendment may not reveal information made confidential or exempt by law. Each commercial service airport must redact confidential or exempt information from each contract or contract amendment before posting a copy on its website.

(g) Position and rate information for each employee of the commercial service airport, including, at a minimum, the employee's position title, position description, and annual or hourly salary. This information must ~~shall~~ be updated quarterly ~~annually~~.

(5)(a) Each November 1, the governing body of each commercial service airport shall submit the following information to the department:

1. Its approved budget for the current fiscal year.
2. Any financial reports submitted to the Federal Aviation Administration during the previous calendar year.

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3. A link to its website.

4. A statement, verified as provided in s. 92.525, that it has complied with part III of chapter 112, chapter 287, and this section.

5. The most recent copies of its strategic plans.

6. Contracts related to any financial awards received through federally funded grant programs for the preceding year.

(c) A commercial service airport shall:

1. Notify the department within 48 hours after receiving a communication or directive from a federal agency relating to public health testing or the transfer of unauthorized aliens into this state.

2. Notify the department as soon as is reasonably possible, but no later than 48 hours, after the discovery of a potential cybersecurity breach or other occurrence impacting the traveling public, a disruption in state aviation operations directly impacting multiple airports within this state, or an incident occurring on airport property which requires coordination with multiple local, state, or federal agencies.

Section 21. Section 332.15, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

332.15 Advanced air mobility.—The Department of Transportation shall:

(1) Address the need for vertiports, advanced air mobility, and other advances in aviation technology in the

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799 statewide aviation system plan required under s. 332.006(1) and,
800 as appropriate, in the department's work program.

801 (2) Designate a subject matter expert on advanced air
802 mobility within the department to serve as a resource for local
803 jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation technology.

804 (3) Conduct a review of airport hazard zone regulations.

805 (4) In coordination with the Department of Commerce,
806 provide coordination and assistance for the development of a
807 viable advanced air mobility system plan in this state. The
808 department shall incorporate the plan into the statewide
809 aviation system plan required under s. 332.006(1) to identify
810 and develop statewide corridors of need and opportunities for
811 industry growth.

812 **Section 22. Subsections (5) and (26) of section 334.044,**
813 **Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (37), (38), and**
814 **(39) are added to that section, to read:**

815 334.044 Powers and duties of the department.—The
816 department shall have the following general powers and duties:

817 (5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and
818 materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part
819 of public information and education campaigns for the promotion
820 of environmental management, scenic highways, traffic and train
821 safety awareness, ~~alternatives to single-occupant vehicle~~
822 ~~travel~~, commercial motor vehicle safety, workforce development,
823 electric vehicle use and charging stations, autonomous vehicles,

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824 and context classification design for electric vehicles and
825 autonomous vehicles; to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire
826 equipment and supplies; and to sell, exchange, or otherwise
827 dispose of any property that is no longer needed by the
828 department.

829 (26) To provide for the enhancement of environmental
830 benefits, including air and water quality; to prevent roadside
831 erosion; to conserve the natural roadside growth and scenery;
832 and to provide for the implementation and maintenance of
833 roadside conservation, enhancement, and stabilization programs.

834 (a) On an annual basis, an amount equal to at least 1.5
835 percent of the total amount contracted for the average of the
836 previous 3 completed fiscal years of construction projects shall
837 be allocated by the department on a statewide basis for the
838 purchase of plant materials to enhance State Highway System
839 rights-of-way and arterial facilities. Such funds must be
840 allocated on a statewide basis. ~~Department districts may not~~
841 ~~expend funds for landscaping in connection with any project that~~
842 ~~is limited to resurfacing existing lanes unless the expenditure~~
843 ~~has been approved by the department's secretary or the~~
844 ~~secretary's designee.~~

845 (b) To the greatest extent practical, at least 50 percent
846 of the funds allocated under paragraph (a) ~~this subsection~~ shall
847 be allocated for large plant materials and the remaining funds
848 for other plant materials.

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(c) Except as prohibited by applicable federal law or regulation, all plant materials shall be purchased from Florida commercial nursery stock in this state on a uniform competitive bid basis. The department shall develop grades and standards for landscaping materials purchased through this process, which must include standards for landscaping materials native to specific regions of this state which are reflective of this state's heritage and natural landscapes. ~~To accomplish these activities, the department may contract with nonprofit organizations having the primary purpose of developing youth employment opportunities.~~

(37) Notwithstanding s. 287.022 or s. 287.025, to directly enter into insurance contracts with local, national, or international insurance companies for the purchase of insurance coverage that the department is contractually and legally required to provide.

(38) Notwithstanding s. 287.14, to purchase or acquire heavy equipment and motor vehicles for roadway operations and emergency response purposes regardless of whether the department exchanges or ceases to operate any department-owned heavy equipment or motor vehicles.

(39) To adopt rules for the purpose of compliance with 49 C.F.R. part 26 and any other applicable federal law.

Section 23. Subsection (1) of section 334.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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334.045 Transportation performance and productivity standards; development; measurement; application.—

(1) The Florida Transportation Commission shall develop and adopt measures for evaluating the performance and productivity of the department. The measures may be both quantitative and qualitative and must, to the maximum extent practical, assess those factors that are within the department's control. The measures must, at a minimum, assess performance in the following areas:

(a) Production;

(b) Finance and administration;

(c) Preservation of the current state system;

(d) Safety of the current state system;

(e) Capacity improvements: highways and all public transportation modes; and

(f) The business development program established under s. 337.027 Disadvantaged business enterprise and minority business programs.

Section 24. Section 334.615, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

334.615 Parking authority operations; interlocal agreements.—A parking authority created by special act may operate, manage, and control parking facilities in contiguous counties, municipalities, or other local governmental entities upon entering into interlocal agreements with the governing

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bodies of the appropriate contiguous counties, municipalities,
or local governmental entities.

**Section 25. Section 334.62, Florida Statutes, is created
to read:**

334.62 Florida Transportation Academy.—The Legislature
finds that the growth and sustainability of the transportation
industry workforce is vital to the continued success and
efficiency of the state's supply chain and economic
competitiveness. In order to prioritize the continued need for
transportation industry workforce development programs, the
Florida Transportation Academy is established within the
department. In order to support, promote, and sustain workforce
development efforts in the transportation sector, the department
may do all of the following:

(1) Coordinate with the Department of Corrections to
identify and create certification and training opportunities for
nonviolent, scheduled-release inmates and create a notification
process between the Department of Corrections and the department
for nonviolent inmates with imminent scheduled-release dates who
are expected to seek employment upon release.

(2) Coordinate with the Department of Juvenile Justice and
its educational partners to create certification and training
opportunities for eligible youth.

(3) Coordinate with veterans' organizations to encourage
veterans with honorable military discharge to pursue employment

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opportunities within the transportation industry, including, but not limited to, employment as pilots, mechanics, and air traffic controllers.

(4) Coordinate with the Department of Commerce, CareerSource Florida, Inc., and regional business organizations, within and outside of the transportation industry, to further understand recruitment and retention needs and job-seeker pipelines.

(5) Coordinate with the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Florida Transportation Builders Association to optimize workforce recruitment and retention and assess future needs across the transportation industry in this state.

Section 26. Present paragraph (b) of subsection (3) of section 335.182, Florida Statutes, is redesignated as paragraph (c) and amended, and a new paragraph (b) is added to that subsection, to read:

335.182 Regulation of connections to roads on State Highway System; definitions.—

(3) As used in this act, the term:

(b) "Modification of an existing connection" means the relocation, alteration, or closure of the connection.

(c) ~~(b)~~ "Significant change" means:

1. A change in the use of the property, including the development of land, structures, or facilities; or

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948 2. An expansion of the size of the property, structures,
949 or facilities causing an increase in the trip generation of the
950 property exceeding 25 percent more trip generation, ~~either peak~~
951 ~~hour or daily,~~ and exceeding 100 vehicles per day more than the
952 existing use.

953 **Section 27. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 335.187,**
954 **Florida Statutes, are amended to read:**

955 335.187 Unpermitted connections; existing access permits;
956 nonconforming permits; modification and revocation of permits.—

957 (3) The department may issue a nonconforming access permit
958 if denying ~~after finding that to deny~~ an access permit would
959 leave the property without a reasonable means of access to the
960 State Highway System. The department may specify limits on the
961 maximum vehicular use of the connection and may condition ~~be~~
962 ~~conditioned on~~ the availability of future alternative means of
963 access for which access permits can be obtained.

964 (4) After written notice and the opportunity for a
965 hearing, as provided for in s. 120.60, the department may modify
966 or revoke an access permit issued after July 1, 1988, by
967 requiring modification ~~Relocation, alteration, or closure~~ of an
968 existing connection if:

969 (a) A significant change occurs in the use, design, or
970 traffic flow of the connection; or

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(b) It would jeopardize the safety of the public or have a negative impact upon the operational characteristics of the highway.

Section 28. Section 337.027, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.027 Authority to implement a business development program.—

(1) The department may establish a program for highway projects which would assist small businesses. The purpose of this program is to increase competition, lower prices, and provide increased support to meet the department's future work program. The program may include, but is not limited to, setting aside contracts, providing preference points for the use of small businesses, providing special assistance in bidding and contract completion, waiving bond requirements, and implementing other strategies that would increase competition.

(2) For purposes of this section, the term "small business" means a business with yearly average gross receipts of less than \$25 ~~\$15~~ million for road and bridge contracts and less than \$10 ~~\$6.5~~ million for professional and nonprofessional services contracts. A business' average gross receipts is determined by averaging its annual gross receipts over the last 3 years, including the receipts of any affiliate as defined in s. 337.165.

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995 (3) The department may provide notice of opportunities for
996 businesses qualified for this program.

997 (4) The department may adopt rules to implement this
998 section.

999 **Section 29. Subsection (6) of section 337.11, Florida**
1000 **Statutes, is amended to read:**

1001 337.11 Contracting authority of department; bids;
1002 emergency repairs, supplemental agreements, and change orders;
1003 combined design and construction contracts; progress payments;
1004 records; requirements of vehicle registration.—

1005 (6)(a) If the secretary determines that an emergency in
1006 regard to the restoration or repair of any state transportation
1007 facility exists such that the delay incident to giving
1008 opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the
1009 interests of the state, the provisions for competitive bidding
1010 do not apply; and the department may enter into contracts for
1011 restoration or repair without giving opportunity for competitive
1012 bidding on such contracts. Within 30 days after such
1013 determination and contract execution, the head of the department
1014 shall file with the Executive Office of the Governor a written
1015 statement of the conditions and circumstances constituting such
1016 emergency.

1017 (b) If the secretary determines that delays on a contract
1018 for maintenance exist due to administrative challenges, bid
1019 protests, defaults or terminations and the further delay would

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1020 reduce safety on the transportation facility or seriously hinder
1021 the department's ability to preserve the state's investment in
1022 that facility, competitive bidding provisions may be waived and
1023 the department may enter into a contract for maintenance on the
1024 facility. However, contracts for maintenance executed under the
1025 provisions of this paragraph shall be interim in nature and
1026 shall be limited in duration to a period of time not to exceed
1027 the length of the delay necessary to complete the competitive
1028 bidding process and have the contract in place.

1029 (c) When the department determines that it is in the best
1030 interest of the public for reasons of public concern, economy,
1031 improved operations, or safety, and only when circumstances
1032 dictate rapid completion of the work, the department may, up to
1033 the amount of \$500,000, enter into contracts for construction
1034 and maintenance without advertising and receiving competitive
1035 bids. The department may enter into such contracts only upon a
1036 determination that the work is necessary for one of the
1037 following reasons:

1038 1. To ensure timely completion of projects or avoidance of
1039 undue delay for other projects;

1040 2. To accomplish minor repairs or construction and
1041 maintenance activities for which time is of the essence and for
1042 which significant cost savings would occur; or

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3. To accomplish nonemergency work necessary to ensure avoidance of adverse conditions that affect the safe and efficient flow of traffic.

The department shall make a good faith effort to obtain two or more quotes, if available, from qualified contractors before entering into any contract. The department shall give consideration to small disadvantaged business enterprise participation. However, when the work exists within the limits of an existing contract, the department shall make a good faith effort to negotiate and enter into a contract with the prime contractor on the existing contract.

Section 30. Section 337.125, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 31. Section 337.135, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 32. Section 337.139, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 33. Paragraph (a) of subsection (1) of section 337.18, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.18 Surety bonds for construction or maintenance contracts; requirement with respect to contract award; bond requirements; defaults; damage assessments.—

(1)(a) A surety bond shall be required of the successful bidder in an amount equal to the awarded contract price.

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1068 However, the department may choose, in its discretion and
1069 applicable only to multiyear maintenance contracts, to allow for
1070 incremental annual contract bonds that cumulatively total the
1071 full, awarded, multiyear contract price; ~~The department may~~
1072 ~~also choose,~~ in its discretion and applicable only to phased
1073 design-build contracts under s. 337.11(7)(b), to allow the
1074 issuance of multiple contract performance and payment bonds in
1075 succession to align with each phase of the contract to meet the
1076 bonding requirement in this subsection; and, at the discretion
1077 of the Secretary of Transportation and notwithstanding any
1078 bonding requirement under s. 337.18, to require a surety bond in
1079 an amount that is less than the awarded contract price.

1080 1. The department may waive the requirement for all or a
1081 portion of a surety bond if:

1082 a. The contract price is \$250,000 or less and the
1083 department determines that the project is of a noncritical
1084 nature and that nonperformance will not endanger public health,
1085 safety, or property;

1086 b. The prime contractor is a qualified nonprofit agency
1087 for the blind or for the other severely handicapped under s.
1088 413.036(2); or

1089 c. The prime contractor is using a subcontractor that is a
1090 qualified nonprofit agency for the blind or for the other
1091 severely handicapped under s. 413.036(2). However, the

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department may not waive more than the amount of the subcontract.

2. If the department determines that it is in the best interests of the department to reduce the bonding requirement for a project and that to do so will not endanger public health, safety, or property, the department may waive the requirement of a surety bond in an amount equal to the awarded contract price for a project having a contract price of \$250 million or more and, in its place, may set a surety bond amount that is a portion of the total contract price and provide an alternate means of security for the balance of the contract amount that is not covered by the surety bond or provide for incremental surety bonding and provide an alternate means of security for the balance of the contract amount that is not covered by the surety bond. Such alternative means of security may include letters of credit, United States bonds and notes, parent company guarantees, and cash collateral. The department may require alternate means of security if a surety bond is waived. The surety on such bond shall be a surety company authorized to do business in the state. All bonds shall be payable to the department and conditioned for the prompt, faithful, and efficient performance of the contract according to plans and specifications and within the time period specified, and for the prompt payment of all persons defined in s. 713.01 furnishing labor, material, equipment, and supplies for work provided in

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the contract; however, whenever an improvement, demolition, or removal contract price is \$25,000 or less, the security may, in the discretion of the bidder, be in the form of a cashier's check, bank money order of any state or national bank, certified check, or postal money order. The department shall adopt rules to implement this subsection. Such rules shall include provisions under which the department shall refuse to accept bonds on contracts when a surety wrongfully fails or refuses to settle or provide a defense for claims or actions arising under a contract for which the surety previously furnished a bond.

Section 34. Subsection (3) of section 337.251, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.251 Lease of property for joint public-private development and areas above or below department property.—

(3) A proposal must be selected by the department based on competitive bidding, except that the department may consider other relevant factors specified in the request for proposals. The department may consider such factors as the value of property exchanges, the cost of construction, and other recurring costs for the benefit of the department by the lessee in lieu of direct revenue to the department if such other factors are of equal value including innovative proposals to involve small ~~minority~~ businesses. The department may name a board of advisers which may be composed of accountants, real estate appraisers, design engineers, or other experts

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experienced in the type of development proposed. The board of advisers shall review the feasibility of the proposals, recommend acceptance or rejection of each proposal, and rank each feasible proposal in the order of technical feasibility and benefit provided to the department. The board of advisers shall be reasonably compensated for the services provided and all department costs for evaluating the proposals shall be reimbursed from a proposal application fee to be set by the department and paid by the applicants. The board of advisers shall not be subject to selection under the provisions of chapter 287.

Section 35. Section (2) of section 337.401, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.401 Use of right-of-way for utilities subject to regulation; permit; fees.—

(2) (a) The authority may grant to any person who is a resident of this state, or to any corporation which is organized under the laws of this state or licensed to do business within this state, the use of a right-of-way for the utility in accordance with such rules or regulations as the authority may adopt. A utility may not be installed, located, or relocated unless authorized by a written permit issued by the authority. However, for public roads or publicly owned rail corridors under the jurisdiction of the department, a utility relocation schedule and relocation agreement may be executed in lieu of a

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written permit. The permit must require the permitholder to be responsible for any damage resulting from the issuance of such permit. The authority may initiate injunctive proceedings as provided in s. 120.69 to enforce provisions of this subsection or any rule or order issued or entered into pursuant thereto. A permit application required under this subsection by a county or municipality having jurisdiction and control of the right-of-way of any public road must be processed and acted upon in accordance with the timeframes provided in subparagraphs (7)(d)7., 8., and 9.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a municipality may not prohibit, or require a permit for, the installation of a public sewer transmission line placed and maintained within and under publicly dedicated rights-of-way as part of a septic-to-sewer conversion where the work is being performed under permits issued by the Department of Transportation pursuant to this chapter and the Department of Environmental Protection, or its delegate, pursuant to chapter 403.

Section 36. Subsection (4) of section 337.406, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

337.406 Unlawful use of state transportation facility right-of-way; penalties.—

(4)(a) Camping is prohibited on any portion of the right-of-way of the State Highway System ~~that is within 100 feet of a bridge, causeway, overpass, or ramp.~~

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(b) This subsection does not apply to a person who has acquired the appropriate permits and is actively navigating the federally designated Florida National Scenic Trail recognized by the state in s. 260.012(6).

Section 37. Subsection (4) of section 338.227, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

338.227 Turnpike revenue bonds.—

(4) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Management Services shall create and implement an outreach program designed to enhance the participation of small ~~minority persons and minority~~ business enterprises in all contracts entered into by their respective departments for services related to the financing of department projects for the Strategic Intermodal System Plan developed pursuant to s. 339.64. These services ~~shall~~ include, but are not limited to, bond counsel and bond underwriters.

Section 38. Section 339.0805, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 39. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.135 Work program; legislative budget request; definitions; preparation, adoption, execution, and amendment.—

(2) SUBMISSION OF LEGISLATIVE BUDGET REQUEST AND REQUEST FOR LIST OF ADDITIONAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS.—

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(c) The department shall submit the list of projects prepared pursuant to this subsection to the legislative appropriations committees, together with the following plans and reports:

1. An enhanced program and resource plan that adds the list of projects and required support costs to the projects and other programs of the tentative work program required to be submitted by the department pursuant to this section.

2. A variance report comparing the enhanced plan with the plan for the tentative work program covering the same period of time.

3. A 36-month cash forecast identifying the additional revenues needed to finance the enhanced plan.

4. A report identifying any of the following entities that has adopted or promoted energy policy goals inconsistent with the energy policy of this state set forth in s. 377.601, as determined by the department after consultation with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Public Service Commission, and the Department of Environmental Protection:

a. A public transit provider as defined in s. 341.031(1).

b. An authority created pursuant to chapter 343, chapter 348, or chapter 349.

c. A public-use airport as defined in s. 332.004.

d. A port listed in s. 311.09(1).

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The report shall include a written statement that explains the basis for the department's determination for each entity identified in the report.

Section 40. Paragraph (b) of subsection (3) and paragraph (c) of subsection (4) of section 339.2821, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.2821 Economic development transportation projects.—

(3)

(b) The department must ensure that it is supportive of small businesses as defined in s. 337.027(2) ~~small and minority businesses have equal access to participate in transportation projects funded pursuant to this section.~~

(4) A contract between the department and a governmental body for a transportation project must:

(c) Require that the governmental body provide the department with progress reports. Each progress report must contain:

1. A narrative description of the work completed and whether the work is proceeding according to the transportation project schedule;

2. A description of each change order executed by the governmental body;

3. A budget summary detailing planned expenditures compared to actual expenditures; and

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1266 4. The identity of each small ~~or minority~~ business used as
1267 a contractor or subcontractor.

1268 **Section 41.** Section 339.287, Florida Statutes, is
1269 repealed.

1270 **Section 42. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section**
1271 **339.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

1272 339.63 System facilities designated; additions and
1273 deletions.—

1274 (5) (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall designate a
1275 planned facility as part of the Strategic Intermodal System upon
1276 request of the facility if it meets the criteria and thresholds
1277 established by the department pursuant to subsection (4), is
1278 ~~meets the definition of an "intermodal logistics center" as~~
1279 ~~defined in s. 311.101(2), and has been designated in a local~~
1280 ~~comprehensive plan or local government development order as an~~
1281 ~~intermodal logistics center or an equivalent planning term. For~~
1282 ~~the purpose of this section, the term "intermodal logistics~~
1283 ~~center" means a facility or group of facilities, including, but~~
1284 ~~not limited to, an inland port, serving as a point of intermodal~~
1285 ~~transfer of freight in a specific area physically separated from~~
1286 ~~a seaport whose activities relating to transport, logistics,~~
1287 ~~goods distribution, consolidation, or value-added activities are~~
1288 ~~carried out and whose activities and services are designed to~~
1289 ~~support or be supported by one or more seaports, as provided in~~
1290 ~~s. 311.09, or an airport whose activities and services are~~

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designed to support the transport, logistics, goods distribution, consolidation, or value-added activities related to airborne cargo.

Section 43. Subsections (3) and (7) of section 339.651, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

339.651 Strategic Intermodal System supply chain demands.—

(3) The department may ~~shall~~ make up to \$20 million available each year ~~for fiscal years 2023-2024 through 2027-2028,~~ from the existing work program ~~revenues,~~ to fund projects that meet the public purpose of providing increased capacity and enhanced capabilities to move and store construction aggregate. Applicants eligible for project funding under this section are seaports listed in s. 311.09 and rail lines and rail facilities.

~~(7) This section shall stand repealed on July 1, 2028.~~

Section 44. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 341.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.051 Administration and financing of public transit and intercity bus service programs and projects.—

(6) ANNUAL APPROPRIATION.—

(b) If funds are allocated to projects that qualify for the New Starts Transit Program in the current fiscal year and a project will not be ready for production by June 30, those funds must ~~The remaining unallocated New Starts Transit Program funds as of June 30, 2024, shall~~ be reallocated for the purpose of the Strategic Intermodal System within the State Transportation

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Trust Fund for the next fiscal year. ~~This paragraph expires June 30, 2026.~~

For purposes of this section, the term "net operating costs" means all operating costs of a project less any federal funds, fares, or other sources of income to the project.

Section 45. Subsections (1) and (6) of section 341.052, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

341.052 Public transit block grant program; administration; eligible projects; limitation.—

(1) There is created a public transit block grant program which shall be administered by the department. Block grant funds shall only be provided to ~~"Section 9" providers and "Section 18"~~ providers designated by the United States Department of Transportation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. s. 5307 and community transportation coordinators as defined in chapter 427. Eligible providers must establish public transportation development plans consistent, to the maximum extent feasible, with approved local government comprehensive plans of the units of local government in which the provider is located and the long-range transportation plans of the metropolitan planning organization in which the provider is located. In developing public transportation development plans, eligible providers must solicit comments from local workforce development boards established under chapter 445. The development plans must

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1341 address how the public transit provider will work with the
1342 appropriate local workforce development board to provide
1343 services to participants in the welfare transition program.
1344 Eligible providers must provide information to the local
1345 workforce development board serving the county in which the
1346 provider is located regarding the availability of transportation
1347 services to assist program participants.

1348 (6) The department shall distribute 85 percent of the
1349 public transit block grant funds to ~~"Section 9" and "Section 18"~~
1350 providers designated by the United States Department of
1351 Transportation pursuant to 49 U.S.C. s. 5307. The funds shall be
1352 distributed to such ~~"Section 9" providers, and to "Section 18"~~
1353 providers that are not designated as community transportation
1354 coordinators pursuant to chapter 427, according to the following
1355 formula, except that at least \$20,000 shall be distributed to
1356 each eligible provider if application of the formula provides
1357 less than that amount for any such provider:

1358 (a) One-third shall be distributed according to the
1359 percentage that an eligible provider's county population in the
1360 most recent year for which those population figures are
1361 available from the state census repository is of the total
1362 population of all counties served by eligible providers.

1363 (b) One-third shall be distributed according to the
1364 percentage that the total revenue miles provided by an eligible
1365 provider, as verified by the most recent National Transit

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Database ~~"Section 15"~~ report to the Federal Transit Administration or a similar audited report submitted to the department, is of the total revenue miles provided by eligible providers in the state in that year.

(c) One-third shall be distributed according to the percentage that the total passengers carried by an eligible provider, as verified by the most recent National Transit Database ~~"Section 15"~~ report submitted to the Federal Transit Administration or a similar audited report submitted to the department, is of the total number of passengers carried by eligible providers in the state in that year.

Section 46. Subsection (5) of section 348.754, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

348.754 Purposes and powers.—

(5) The authority shall encourage the inclusion of local and small ~~local, small, minority, and women-owned~~ businesses in its procurement and contracting opportunities.

Section 47. Subsection (2) of section 349.03, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

349.03 Jacksonville Transportation Authority.—

(2) The governing body of the authority shall be composed ~~consist~~ of seven members. Four ~~Three~~ members shall be appointed by the Governor and confirmed by the Senate. Of the four members appointed by the Governor, one must be a resident of Duval County, one must be a resident of Clay County, one must be a

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1391 resident of St. Johns County, and one must be a resident of
1392 Nassau County. Three members shall be appointed by

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1395 **T I T L E A M E N D M E N T**

1396 Remove lines 50-245 and insert:

1397 or state funds; defining the term "cargo purposes";
1398 amending s. 311.101, F.S.; revising the definition of
1399 the term "intermodal logistics center"; creating an
1400 intermodal logistics center working group within the
1401 department; providing the composition of the working
1402 group membership; specifying that members of the
1403 working group serve without compensation but are
1404 eligible for per diem and travel expenses; providing
1405 responsibilities of the working group; requiring the
1406 working group to submit a report to the Governor and
1407 the Legislature by a specified date; providing for the
1408 future repeal of the working group; amending s.
1409 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
1410 "special mobile equipment"; repealing s. 316.0741,
1411 F.S., relating to high-occupancy-vehicle lanes;
1412 amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; deleting language limiting
1413 the state funds that may be withheld due to certain
1414 violations by a public body or official to state funds
1415 for traffic control purposes; providing that such

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violations are cause for the withholding of state funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust Fund; amending s. 316.550, F.S.; authorizing the department to issue a mobile crane special blanket permit for certain purposes; amending s. 320.084, F.S.; providing for disabled veteran motor vehicle license plates in lieu of "DV" motor vehicle license plates; revising construction; amending s. 320.0848, F.S.; conforming a provision to changes made by the act; amending s. 330.27, F.S.; revising definitions and defining terms; amending s. 330.30, F.S.; requiring a private airport of public interest to obtain a certain certificate from the department before allowing aircraft operations; requiring certain private airports to obtain a certain certificate from the department by a specified date; creating s. 330.355, F.S.; prohibiting publicly owned airports from charging a landing fee established on or after a specified date for certain aircraft operations; amending s. 331.371, F.S.; authorizing the department, in consultation with the Department of Commerce and the Department of Environmental Protection, to fund certain infrastructure projects and projects associated with certain critical infrastructure projects; requiring such departments to coordinate in

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1441 funding certain projects for a specified purpose;
1442 amending s. 332.003, F.S.; revising a short title;
1443 amending s. 332.005, F.S.; requiring airports to
1444 provide the Department of Transportation with the
1445 opportunity to use certain airport property for a
1446 specified purpose during a declared state of
1447 emergency; requiring that such use be conducted
1448 pursuant to a written agreement after a certain period
1449 of use; amending s. 332.006, F.S.; deleting a
1450 requirement that the department meet certain duties
1451 and responsibilities within the resources provided
1452 pursuant to a specified chapter; providing duties and
1453 responsibilities of the department relating to certain
1454 educational services; amending s. 332.007, F.S.;
1455 requiring commercial service airports to establish and
1456 maintain a certain program; defining the term "airport
1457 infrastructure"; requiring that such airports provide
1458 a certain annual certification to the department;
1459 requiring that a certain program report be open to
1460 department inspection and maintained for a specified
1461 period; providing requirements for such program;
1462 revising the list of projects for which the department
1463 must provide priority funding; authorizing the
1464 department to fund eligible projects performed by
1465 certain organizations and postsecondary education

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1466 institutions; providing that certain programs are
1467 eligible projects; authorizing the department to
1468 provide certain matching funds; revising the
1469 circumstances in which the department may fund
1470 strategic airport investment projects; amending s.
1471 332.0075, F.S.; revising definitions; requiring that
1472 certain information remain posted on a governing
1473 body's website for a certain period; revising the
1474 information that must be included on such website;
1475 requiring the quarterly, rather than annual, update of
1476 certain information; revising information that the
1477 governing body of a commercial service airport must
1478 submit to the department annually; requiring a
1479 commercial service airport to provide certain
1480 notifications to the department; creating s. 332.15,
1481 F.S.; requiring the department to address certain
1482 needs in the statewide aviation system plan and the
1483 department's work program, designate a certain subject
1484 matter expert, conduct a specified review, and, in
1485 coordination with the Department of Commerce, provide
1486 certain coordination and assistance for the
1487 development of a viable advanced air mobility system
1488 plan; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the general
1489 powers and duties of the department; amending s.
1490 334.045, F.S.; requiring certain measures developed

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and adopted by the Florida Transportation Commission to assess performance in a specified business development program, instead of disadvantaged business enterprise and minority business programs; creating s. 334.615, F.S.; authorizing certain parking authorities to operate, manage, and control certain parking facilities upon entering into certain interlocal agreements; creating s. 334.62, F.S.; providing legislative findings; establishing the Florida Transportation Academy within the department; authorizing the department to coordinate with certain entities for specified purposes; amending s. 335.182, F.S.; defining the term "modification of an existing connection"; revising the definition of the term "significant change"; amending s. 335.187, F.S.; authorizing the department to modify or revoke certain access permits by requiring modification of an existing connection in certain circumstances; amending s. 337.027, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "small business"; authorizing the department to provide notice of certain opportunities; amending s. 337.11, F.S.; requiring the department to give consideration to small business participation, instead of disadvantaged business enterprise participation; repealing s. 337.125, F.S., relating to socially and

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1516 economically disadvantaged business enterprises and
1517 notice requirements; repealing s. 337.135, F.S.,
1518 relating to socially and economically disadvantaged
1519 business enterprises and punishment for false
1520 representation; repealing s. 337.139, F.S., relating
1521 to efforts to encourage awarding contracts to
1522 disadvantaged business enterprises; amending s.
1523 337.18, F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of
1524 Transportation to require a surety bond in an amount
1525 that is less than the awarded contract price; amending
1526 s. 337.251, F.S.; revising factors that may be
1527 considered by the department when selecting certain
1528 proposals; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting a
1529 municipality from prohibiting, or requiring a permit
1530 for, the installation of certain public sewer
1531 transmission lines; amending s. 337.406, F.S.;
1532 prohibiting camping on any portion of the right-of-way
1533 of the State Highway System; providing applicability;
1534 amending s. 338.227, F.S.; revising the purpose for
1535 which the department and the Department of Management
1536 Services shall create and implement a certain outreach
1537 program; repealing s. 339.0805, F.S., relating to
1538 funds to be expended with certified disadvantaged
1539 business enterprises, a construction management
1540 development program, and a bond guarantee program;

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amending s. 339.135, F.S.; revising the reports required to be submitted to the legislative appropriations committees by the department for purposes of legislative budget requests and requests for lists of additional transportation projects; amending s. 339.2821, F.S.; requiring the department to ensure that it is supportive of small businesses, rather than ensuring that small and minority businesses have equal access to participation in certain transportation projects; repealing s. 339.287, F.S., relating to electric vehicle charging stations and infrastructure plan development; amending s. 339.63, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term "intermodal logistics center"; amending s. 339.651, F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the department to make a certain amount available from the existing work program to fund certain projects annually; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions relating to Strategic Intermodal System supply chain demands; amending s. 341.051, F.S.; providing for the reallocation of certain funds; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions providing for the reallocation of certain funds; amending s. 341.052, F.S.; revising the list of providers to which certain block grant funds

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1565 shall be provided; revising the specified report used
1566 to verify certain data; amending s.

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