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The Committee on Appropriations (Collins) recommended the following:

Senate Amendment (with title amendment)

Delete lines 536 - 1571
and insert:

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

311.101 Intermodal Logistics Center Infrastructure Support Program.—



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

(8)(a) There is created within the Department of Transportation an intermodal logistics center working group. The purpose of the working group is to coordinate the planning and development of intermodal logistics centers across this state. The working group shall be composed of the following members:

1. The Secretary of Transportation, or his or her designee.
2. The Secretary of Commerce, or his or her designee.
3. The Commissioner of Agriculture, or his or her designee.
4. One member from a seaport listed in s. 311.09(1), appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
5. One member from an airport, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
6. One member from an intermodal logistics center, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
7. One member from the agricultural industry, appointed by the Commissioner of Agriculture.
8. One member from the trucking industry, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.
9. One member from the freight rail industry, appointed by



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the Secretary of Transportation.

10. One member from the passenger rail industry, appointed by the Secretary of Transportation.

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

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

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

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

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

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

2. Determining the statewide benefits of intermodal logistics centers.

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

4. Evaluating key criteria used by the state to expand and develop the intermodal logistics center network through the use of the Strategic Intermodal System created pursuant to ss. 339.61-339.651, including any recommended changes to state law.



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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:

(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,



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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 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.



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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 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. 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



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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 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.



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

191 ~~(9)-(5)~~ "Private airport" means an airport, publicly or
192 privately owned, which is not open or available for use by the
193 public, but may be made available to others by invitation of the
194 owner or manager.

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

200 ~~(11)-(6)~~ "Public airport" means an airport, publicly or
201 privately owned, which is open for use by the public.

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

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

210 (14) "Supplemental operation" means any common carriage
211 operation for compensation or hire conducted with an aircraft
212 for which the departure time, departure location, and arrival
213 location are specifically negotiated with the customer or



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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 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 11. 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 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



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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 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



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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.

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

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



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after the effective date of the certificate.

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

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

(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.



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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 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 12. 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 13. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:



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331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investment.—

(1) In consultation with Space Florida, the Department of Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity 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 14. Section 332.003, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

332.003 Florida Airport Development and Accountability Assistance Act; short title.—Sections 332.003–332.007 may be



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cited as the "Florida Airport Development and Accountability Assistance Act."

Section 15. Section 332.005, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

332.005 Restrictions on authority of Department of Transportation.—

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

(2)(a) Notwithstanding subsection (1), upon the declaration of a state of emergency issued by the Governor in preparation for or in response to a natural disaster, airports shall, at no cost to the state, provide the Department of Transportation with the opportunity to use any property that is not subject to an existing lease agreement with a third party and that is not within the air navigation facility as defined in 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 16. Section 332.006, Florida Statutes, is amended



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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.

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

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

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

(6) Administer department participation in the program of



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aviation and airport grants as provided for in ss. 332.003-332.007.

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

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

(9) Support the development of land located within the boundaries of airports for the purpose of industrial or other uses compatible with airport operations with the objective of assisting airports in this state to become fiscally self-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 17. Subsection (5), 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



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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 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 undisrupted 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



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completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any
inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or
rehabilitation did not take place.

(5) Only those projects or programs provided for in this
act that will contribute to the implementation of the state
aviation system plan, that are consistent with the energy policy
of the state as defined in s. 339.08(6)(a), that are consistent
with and will contribute to the implementation of any airport
master plan or layout plan, and that are consistent, to the
maximum extent feasible, with the approved local government
comprehensive plans of the units of government in which the
airport is located are eligible for the expenditure of state
funds in accordance with fund participation rates and priorities
established herein.

(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.



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~~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.

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

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

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



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

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

(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 18. 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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purposes of a commercial service airport on behalf of a county,
municipality, or special district.

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

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

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

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

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

(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



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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.
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



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

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

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

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

Section 20. Subsections (5) and (26) of section 334.044,



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Florida Statutes, are amended, and subsections (37), (38), and (39) are added to that section, to read:

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

(5) To purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire property and materials, including the purchase of promotional items as part of public information and education campaigns for the promotion of environmental management, scenic highways, traffic and train safety awareness, ~~alternatives to single-occupant vehicle travel~~, commercial motor vehicle safety, workforce development, electric vehicle use and charging stations, autonomous vehicles, and context classification design for electric vehicles and autonomous vehicles; to purchase, lease, or otherwise acquire equipment and supplies; and to sell, exchange, or otherwise dispose of any property that is no longer needed by the department.

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

(a) On an annual basis, an amount equal to at least 1.5 percent of the total amount contracted for the average of the previous 3 completed fiscal years of construction projects shall be allocated by the department on a statewide basis for the purchase of plant materials to enhance State Highway System rights-of-way and arterial facilities. Such funds must be allocated on a statewide basis. Department districts may not expend funds for landscaping in connection with any project that



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~~is limited to resurfacing existing lanes unless the expenditure has been approved by the department's secretary or the secretary's designee.~~

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

(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



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C.F.R. part 26 and any other applicable federal law.

Section 21. Subsection (1) of section 334.045, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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 22. Subsection (3) is added to section 334.27, Florida Statutes, to read:

334.27 Governmental transportation entities; property acquired for transportation purposes; limitation on soil or groundwater contamination liability.—

(3) A parking authority established under the laws of this state or any of its counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions shall have full power to conduct business; to



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operate, manage, and control facilities; and to provide services to contiguous geographical boundaries of such counties, municipalities, or political subdivisions that originally chartered such authority. The parking authority may engage in activities outside of its chartering jurisdiction upon entering into an interlocal agreement with the governing body of the affected contiguous county, municipality, or political subdivision, as applicable.

Section 23. 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.



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(3) Coordinate with veterans' organizations to encourage veterans with honorable military discharge to pursue employment 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 24. 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;~~7~~ or

2. An expansion of the size of the property, structures, or facilities causing an increase in the trip generation of the property exceeding 25 percent more trip generation, ~~either peak~~



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hour or daily, ~~+~~ and exceeding 100 vehicles per day more than the existing use.

Section 25. Subsections (3) and (4) of section 335.187, Florida Statutes, are amended to read:

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

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

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

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

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

Section 26. 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



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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.

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

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

Section 27. Subsection (6) of section 337.11, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(6)(a) If the secretary determines that an emergency in regard to the restoration or repair of any state transportation facility exists such that the delay incident to giving opportunity for competitive bidding would be detrimental to the



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interests of the state, the provisions for competitive bidding do not apply; and the department may enter into contracts for restoration or repair without giving opportunity for competitive bidding on such contracts. Within 30 days after such determination and contract execution, the head of the department shall file with the Executive Office of the Governor a written statement of the conditions and circumstances constituting such emergency.

(b) If the secretary determines that delays on a contract for maintenance exist due to administrative challenges, bid protests, defaults or terminations and the further delay would reduce safety on the transportation facility or seriously hinder the department's ability to preserve the state's investment in that facility, competitive bidding provisions may be waived and the department may enter into a contract for maintenance on the facility. However, contracts for maintenance executed under the provisions of this paragraph shall be interim in nature and shall be limited in duration to a period of time not to exceed the length of the delay necessary to complete the competitive bidding process and have the contract in place.

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



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

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

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 28. Section 337.125, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 29. Section 337.135, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 30. Section 337.139, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 31. 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. However, the department may choose, in its discretion and applicable only to multiyear maintenance contracts, to allow for



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

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

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

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

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



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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 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 32. Subsection (3) of section 337.251, Florida



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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 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 33. 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.—



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(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 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 34. Subsection (4) of section 337.406, Florida



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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.~~

(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 35. 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 36. Subsection (6) is added to section 339.08,
Florida Statutes, to read:

339.08 Use of moneys in State Transportation Trust Fund.—

(6)(a) As used in this subsection, the term "energy policy
of the state" means the energy policy described in s. 377.601
and includes any intended or actual measure, obligation, target,
or timeframe related to a reduction in carbon dioxide emissions.



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(b) The department may not expend any state funds as described in s. 215.31 to support a project or program of any of the following entities if such entities adopt or promote energy policy goals inconsistent with the energy policy of the state:

1. A public transit provider as defined in s. 341.031(1).
2. An authority created pursuant to chapter 343, chapter 348, or chapter 349.

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

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

Section 37. Section 339.0805, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 38. Paragraph (a) of subsection (4) of section 339.135, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

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

(4) FUNDING AND DEVELOPING A TENTATIVE WORK PROGRAM.—

(a)1. To assure that no district or county is penalized for local efforts to improve the State Highway System, the department shall, for the purpose of developing a tentative work program, allocate funds for new construction to the districts, except for the turnpike enterprise, based on equal parts of population and motor fuel tax collections. Funds for resurfacing, bridge repair and rehabilitation, bridge fender system construction or repair, public transit projects except public transit block grants as provided in s. 341.052 and rural transit operating block grants as provided in s. 341.0525, and other programs with quantitative needs assessments shall be allocated based on the results of these assessments. The department may not transfer any funds allocated to a district



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under this paragraph to any other district except as provided in subsection (7). Funds for public transit block grants shall be allocated to the districts pursuant to s. 341.052. Funds for rural transit operating block grants shall be allocated to the districts pursuant to s. 341.0525. Funds for the intercity bus program provided for under s. 5311(f) of the federal nonurbanized area formula program shall be administered and allocated directly to eligible bus carriers as defined in s. 341.031(12) at the state level rather than the district. In order to provide state funding to support the intercity bus program provided for under provisions of the federal 5311(f) program, the department shall allocate an amount equal to the federal share of the 5311(f) program from amounts calculated pursuant to s. 206.46(3).

2. Notwithstanding the provisions of subparagraph 1., the department shall allocate at least 50 percent of any new discretionary highway capacity funds to the Florida Strategic Intermodal System created pursuant to s. 339.61. Any remaining new discretionary highway capacity funds shall be allocated to the districts for new construction as provided in subparagraph 1. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the term "new discretionary highway capacity funds" means any funds available to the department above the prior year funding level for capacity improvements, which the department has the discretion to allocate to highway projects.

Section 39. 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.—



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(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

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

Section 40. Section 339.287, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

Section 41. Paragraph (a) of subsection (5) of section 339.63, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

339.63 System facilities designated; additions and deletions.—

(5) (a) The Secretary of Transportation shall designate a planned facility as part of the Strategic Intermodal System upon request of the facility if it meets the criteria and thresholds established by the department pursuant to subsection (4), is ~~meets the definition of~~ an “intermodal logistics center” as



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defined in s. 311.101(2), and has been designated in a local comprehensive plan or local government development order as an intermodal logistics center or an equivalent planning term. ~~For the purpose of this section, the term "intermodal logistics center" means a facility or group of facilities, including, but not limited to, an inland port, serving as a point of intermodal transfer of freight in a specific area physically separated from a seaport whose activities relating to transport, logistics, goods distribution, consolidation, or value-added activities are carried out and whose activities and services are designed to support or be supported by one or more seaports, as provided in s. 311.09, or an airport whose activities and services are designed to support the transport, logistics, goods distribution, consolidation, or value-added activities related to airborne cargo.~~

Section 42. 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 43. Paragraph (b) of subsection (6) of section 341.051, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

341.051 Administration and financing of public transit and



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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 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 44. 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



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

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

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

(b) One-third shall be distributed according to the percentage that the total revenue miles provided by an eligible 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 45. Section 341.0525, Florida Statutes, is created to read:

341.0525 Rural transit operating block grant program; administration; eligible projects.—

(1) There is created a rural transit operating block grant program that shall be administered by the department. Rural transit block grant funds are available only to public transit providers not eligible to receive public transit block grants pursuant to s. 341.052.

(2) At least \$3 million must be allocated annually from the State Transportation Trust Fund for the program. At least \$20,000 must be distributed to each eligible provider if application of the following formula provides less than that amount for any such provider:

(a) One-third must be distributed according to the percentage that an eligible provider's non-urbanized county population in the most recent year official population estimate pursuant to s. 186.901 is of the total population of all



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counties served by eligible providers.

(b) One-third must be distributed according to the percentage that the total non-urbanized revenue miles provided by an eligible provider, as verified by the most recent National Transit Database report or a similar audited report submitted to the department, is of the total rural revenue miles provided by eligible providers in the state in that year.

(c) One-third must be distributed according to the percentage that the total non-urbanized passengers carried by an eligible provider, as verified by the most recent National Transit Database report 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.

(3) Grant funds must be used to pay public transit operating costs. State participation in such costs may not exceed 50 percent of such costs or an amount equal to the total revenue, excluding farebox, charter, and advertising revenue and federal funds, received by the provider for operating costs, whichever amount is less.

(4) (a) An eligible public transit provider may not use block grant funds to supplant local tax revenues made available to such provider for operations in the previous year; however, the Secretary of Transportation may waive this provision for public transit providers located in a county recovering from a state of emergency declared pursuant to part I of chapter 252.

(b) The state may not give any county more than 39 percent of the funds available for distribution under this section or more than the amount that local revenue sources provide to that county for its transit system.



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(5) To remain eligible to receive funding under the program, eligible public transit providers must comply with s. 341.071(1) and (2).

(6)(a) Any funds distributed to an eligible provider pursuant to subsection (2) which cannot be expended within the limitations of the program must be returned to the department for redistribution to other eligible providers.

(b) The department may consult with an eligible provider, before distributing funds to that provider, to determine whether the provider can expend its total block grant within the limitations of the program. If the department and the provider agree that the total block grant amount cannot be expended, the provider may agree to accept a block grant amount of less than the total amount, in which case the funds that exceed such lesser agreed-upon amount must be redistributed to other eligible providers.

(c) If an audit reveals that an eligible provider expended block grant funds on unauthorized uses, the provider must repay to the department an amount equal to the funds expended for unauthorized uses. The department shall redistribute such repayments to other eligible providers.

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And the title is amended as follows:

Delete lines 19 - 195
and insert:

the Department of Transportation; providing for
membership of the institute; requiring the department
to select a member to serve as the administrative lead



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1374 of the institute; requiring the Secretary of
1375 Transportation to appoint a representative of the
1376 department to serve as the executive director of the
1377 institute; requiring the department to coordinate with
1378 the members of the institute to adopt certain
1379 policies; authorizing the institute to award certain
1380 grants; authorizing the department to allocate funds
1381 to the institute from the State Transportation Trust
1382 Fund; authorizing the institute to expend funds for
1383 certain operations and programs; requiring the
1384 institute to submit an annual report to the Secretary
1385 of Transportation and the commission; revising the
1386 department's areas of program responsibility; amending
1387 s. 311.07, F.S.; providing that certain spaceport and
1388 space industry-related facility projects and
1389 commercial shipbuilding and manufacturing facility
1390 projects are eligible for grant funding under the
1391 Florida Seaport Transportation and Economic
1392 Development Program; amending s. 311.09, F.S.;
1393 revising the purpose of the Florida Seaport
1394 Transportation and Economic Development Council;
1395 requiring that the Florida Seaport Mission Plan
1396 include certain recommendations; requiring each port
1397 member of the council to submit a certain semiannual
1398 report to the department; amending s. 311.10, F.S.;
1399 requiring seaports located in specified counties to
1400 include certain statements in any agreement with the
1401 department as a condition of receiving certain grants
1402 or state funds; requiring that express approval for



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1403 certain seaport conversions be obtained by specified
1404 entities upon recommendation by the funding agency;
1405 defining the term "cargo purposes"; amending s.
1406 311.101, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
1407 "intermodal logistics center"; creating an intermodal
1408 logistics center working group within the department;
1409 providing the composition of the working group
1410 membership; specifying that members of the working
1411 group serve without compensation but are eligible for
1412 per diem and travel expenses; providing
1413 responsibilities of the working group; requiring the
1414 working group to submit a report to the Governor and
1415 the Legislature by a specified date; providing for the
1416 future repeal of the working group; amending s.
1417 316.003, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
1418 "special mobile equipment"; repealing s. 316.0741,
1419 F.S., relating to high-occupancy-vehicle lanes;
1420 amending s. 316.0745, F.S.; deleting language limiting
1421 the state funds that may be withheld due to certain
1422 violations by a public body or official to state funds
1423 for traffic control purposes; providing that such
1424 violations are cause for the withholding of state
1425 funds deposited in the State Transportation Trust
1426 Fund; amending s. 316.550, F.S.; authorizing the
1427 Department of Transportation to issue a mobile crane
1428 special blanket permit for certain purposes; amending
1429 s. 330.27, F.S.; revising definitions and defining
1430 terms; amending s. 330.30, F.S.; requiring a private
1431 airport of public interest to obtain a certain



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1432 certificate from the department before allowing
1433 aircraft operations; requiring certain private
1434 airports to obtain a certain certificate from the
1435 department by a specified date; creating s. 330.355,
1436 F.S.; prohibiting publicly owned airports from
1437 charging a landing fee established on or after a
1438 specified date for certain aircraft operations;
1439 amending s. 331.371, F.S.; authorizing the department,
1440 in consultation with the Department of Commerce and
1441 the Department of Environmental Protection, to fund
1442 certain infrastructure projects and projects
1443 associated with certain critical infrastructure
1444 projects; requiring such departments to coordinate in
1445 funding certain projects for a specified purpose;
1446 amending s. 332.003, F.S.; revising a short title;
1447 amending s. 332.005, F.S.; requiring airports to
1448 provide the Department of Transportation with the
1449 opportunity to use certain airport property for a
1450 specified purpose during a declared state of
1451 emergency; requiring that such use be conducted
1452 pursuant to a written agreement after a certain period
1453 of use; amending s. 332.006, F.S.; deleting a
1454 requirement that the department meet certain duties
1455 and responsibilities within the resources provided
1456 pursuant to a specified chapter; providing duties and
1457 responsibilities of the department relating to certain
1458 educational services; amending s. 332.007, F.S.;
1459 requiring commercial service airports to establish and
1460 maintain a certain program; defining the term "airport



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1461 infrastructure"; requiring that such airports provide
1462 a certain annual certification to the department;
1463 requiring that a certain program report be open to
1464 department inspection and maintained for a specified
1465 period; providing requirements for such program;
1466 revising the list of projects for which the department
1467 must provide priority funding; authorizing the
1468 department to fund eligible projects performed by
1469 certain organizations and postsecondary education
1470 institutions; providing that certain programs are
1471 eligible projects; authorizing the department to
1472 provide certain matching funds; revising the
1473 circumstances in which the department may fund
1474 strategic airport investment projects; amending s.
1475 332.0075, F.S.; revising definitions; requiring that
1476 certain information remain posted on a governing
1477 body's website for a certain period; revising the
1478 information that must be included on such website;
1479 requiring the quarterly, rather than annual, update of
1480 certain information; revising information that the
1481 governing body of a commercial service airport must
1482 submit to the department annually; requiring a
1483 commercial service airport to provide certain
1484 notifications to the department; creating s. 332.15,
1485 F.S.; requiring the department to address certain
1486 needs in the statewide aviation system plan and the
1487 department's work program, designate a certain subject
1488 matter expert, conduct a specified review, and, in
1489 coordination with the Department of Commerce, provide



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1490 certain coordination and assistance for the
1491 development of a viable advanced air mobility system
1492 plan; amending s. 334.044, F.S.; revising the general
1493 powers and duties of the department; amending s.
1494 334.045, F.S.; requiring certain measures developed
1495 and adopted by the Florida Transportation Commission
1496 to assess performance in a specified business
1497 development program, instead of disadvantaged business
1498 enterprise and minority business programs; amending s.
1499 334.27, F.S.; providing powers of certain parking
1500 authorities; authorizing parking authorities to engage
1501 in certain activities upon entering into an interlocal
1502 agreement with certain political subdivisions;
1503 creating s. 334.62, F.S.; providing legislative
1504 findings; establishing the Florida Transportation
1505 Academy within the department; authorizing the
1506 department to coordinate with certain entities for
1507 specified purposes; amending s. 335.182, F.S.;
1508 defining the term "modification of an existing
1509 connection"; revising the definition of the term
1510 "significant change"; amending s. 335.187, F.S.;
1511 authorizing the department to modify or revoke certain
1512 access permits by requiring modification of an
1513 existing connection in certain circumstances; amending
1514 s. 337.027, F.S.; revising the definition of the term
1515 "small business"; authorizing the department to
1516 provide notice of certain opportunities; amending s.
1517 337.11, F.S.; requiring the department to give
1518 consideration to small business participation, instead



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1519 of disadvantaged business enterprise participation;
1520 repealing s. 337.125, F.S., relating to socially and
1521 economically disadvantaged business enterprises and
1522 notice requirements; repealing s. 337.135, F.S.,
1523 relating to socially and economically disadvantaged
1524 business enterprises and punishment for false
1525 representation; repealing s. 337.139, F.S., relating
1526 to efforts to encourage awarding contracts to
1527 disadvantaged business enterprises; amending s.
1528 337.18, F.S.; authorizing the Secretary of
1529 Transportation to require a surety bond in an amount
1530 that is less than the awarded contract price; amending
1531 s. 337.251, F.S.; revising factors that may be
1532 considered by the department when selecting certain
1533 proposals; amending s. 337.401, F.S.; prohibiting a
1534 municipality from prohibiting, or requiring a permit
1535 for, the installation of certain public sewer
1536 transmission lines; amending s. 337.406, F.S.;
1537 prohibiting camping on any portion of the right-of-way
1538 of the State Highway System; providing applicability;
1539 amending s. 338.227, F.S.; revising the purpose for
1540 which the department and the Department of Management
1541 Services shall create and implement a certain outreach
1542 program; amending s. 339.08, F.S.; defining the term
1543 "energy policy of the state"; prohibiting the
1544 department from expending state funds to support
1545 projects or programs of certain entities in certain
1546 circumstances; repealing s. 339.0805, F.S., relating
1547 to funds to be expended with certified disadvantaged



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1548 business enterprises, a construction management
1549 development program, and a bond guarantee program;
1550 amending s. 339.135, F.S.; requiring that funds for
1551 rural transit operating block grants be allocated in a
1552 certain manner; amending s. 339.2821, F.S.; requiring
1553 the department to ensure that it is supportive of
1554 small businesses, rather than ensuring that small and
1555 minority businesses have equal access to participation
1556 in certain transportation projects; repealing s.
1557 339.287, F.S., relating to electric vehicle charging
1558 stations and infrastructure plan development; amending
1559 s. 339.63, F.S.; deleting the definition of the term
1560 "intermodal logistics center"; amending s. 339.651,
1561 F.S.; authorizing, rather than requiring, the
1562 department to make a certain amount available from the
1563 existing work program to fund certain projects
1564 annually; deleting the scheduled repeal of provisions
1565 relating to Strategic Intermodal System supply chain
1566 demands; amending s. 341.051, F.S.; providing for the
1567 reallocation of certain funds; deleting the scheduled
1568 repeal of provisions providing for the reallocation of
1569 certain funds; amending s. 341.052, F.S.; revising the
1570 list of providers to which certain block grant funds
1571 shall be provided; revising the specified report used
1572 to verify certain data; creating s. 341.0525, F.S.;
1573 creating a rural transit operating block grant program
1574 that shall be administered by the department;
1575 requiring the annual allocation of certain funds from
1576 the State Transportation Trust Fund for the program;



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1577 providing for the distribution of funds to each
1578 eligible public transit provider in at least a certain
1579 amount; providing authorized uses of grant funds;
1580 prohibiting state participation in certain costs above
1581 a specified percentage or amount; prohibiting an
1582 eligible public transit provider from using block
1583 grant funds in a certain manner; providing an
1584 exception; prohibiting the state from giving a county
1585 more than a specified percentage of available funds or
1586 a certain amount; providing eligibility requirements;
1587 requiring an eligible provider to return funds under
1588 certain circumstances; authorizing the department to
1589 consult with an eligible provider before distributing
1590 funds to make a certain determination; requiring an
1591 eligible provider to repay to the department funds
1592 expended on unauthorized uses if revealed in an audit;
1593 requiring the department to redistribute returned and
1594 repaid funds to other eligible providers; amending s.
1595 348.754, F.S.; revising the