

LEGISLATIVE ACTION

Senate Comm: RCS 03/26/2025 House

The Committee on Rules (Garcia) recommended the following: Senate Amendment (with title amendment) Delete lines 59 - 80 and insert: of a felony misdemeanor of the third second degree, punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and by a fine not exceeding \$100,000; or s. 775.083; and, if a corporation, the officers, directors, or employees of the corporation commit shall be guilty of a felony misdemeanor of the third second degree, punishable by a fine not exceeding \$100,000; and, if an aircraft operator or controller, such person commits a felony of the third degree,

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12	punishable as provided in s. 775.082 and by a fine not exceeding
13	\$5,000 and up to 5 years in jail as provided in s. 775.083. Each
14	such violation <u>is</u> shall be a separate offense.
15	(3) All moneys collected pursuant to this section must be
16	deposited in the Air Pollution Control Trust Fund and used only
17	for purposes of air pollution control pursuant to this chapter.
18	(4)(a) Any person who observes a geoengineering or weather
19	modification activity conducted in violation of this section may
20	report the observed violation to the department online or by
21	telephone, mail, or e-mail.
22	(b) The department shall establish an e-mail address and an
23	online form for persons to report observed violations pursuant
24	to this subsection. The department shall make the e-mail address
25	and online form publicly accessible on its website.
26	(c) The department shall establish a method for intake and
27	screening of the reports made pursuant to this subsection. The
28	department shall investigate any report that warrants further
29	review to determine whether there are violations of this
30	section.
31	(d) The department shall refer reports of observed
32	violations made pursuant to this subsection to the Department of
33	Health or the Division of Emergency Management, if appropriate.
34	(e) The department shall adopt any rules that are necessary
35	to implement this subsection.
36	Section 3. Section 403.4115, Florida Statutes, is created
37	to read:
38	403.4115 Reporting on geoengineering and weather
39	modification activities on public infrastructure; penalty
40	(1) As used in this section, the term:

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(a) "Aircraft" means a powered or unpowered machine or 41 device capable of atmospheric flight, except a parachute or 42 43 other such device used primarily as safety equipment. 44 (b) "Department" means the Department of Transportation. (c) "Public infrastructure" means any public-use airport as 45 46 that term is defined in s. 332.004. (2) (a) Beginning on October 1, 2025, all operators of 47 48 public infrastructure shall report monthly to the department, 49 using a method determined by the department, the physical 50 presence of any aircraft on public property, including any 51 public use infrastructure, equipped with any part, component, 52 device, or the like which may be used to support the intentional 53 emission, injection, release, or dispersion of air contaminants 54 into the atmosphere within the borders of this state when such 55 emissions occur for the express purpose of affecting 56 temperature, weather, climate, or the intensity of sunlight. 57 (b) The landing, takeoff, stopover, or refueling of 58 aircraft equipped with the components outlined in (a) on the 59 physical location of the public infrastructure. 60 (3) The Department may not expend any state funds as 61 described in s. 215.31, F.S. to support a project or program located on or in support of public use infrastructure not in 62 compliance with this section until such time as the entity 63 64 becomes compliant with this section. 65 (4) Upon receipt of the reports required in (3) the 66 department shall submit aggregated reports to the Department of 67 Environmental Protection and the applicable state law 68 enforcement agency in support of the enforcement of s. 403.411. 69 (5) The department shall incorporate reporting guidelines

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70	in all grant agreements for public use airports which receive
71	state funds as defined in s. 215.31.
72	(6) The department may adopt rules necessary to implement
73	this subsection.
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76	And the title is amended as follows:
77	Delete lines 27 - 30
78	and insert:
79	requiring the Department of Environmental Protection
80	to establish a method for the intake and screening of
81	such reports; requiring the department to investigate
82	certain reports; requiring the department to refer
83	reports of observed violations to the Department of
84	Health or the Division of Emergency Management, if
85	appropriate; requiring the department to adopt rules;
86	creating s. 403.4115, F.S.; defining terms; requiring
87	an operator of public infrastructure to report certain
88	information monthly to the Department of
89	Transportation; prohibiting the department from
90	expending funds to support certain projects or
91	programs; requiring the department to submit a report
92	to specified entities; amending ss. 253.002,

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