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An act relating to vertiports; amending s. 255.065, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "qualifying project"; amending s. 332.007, F.S.; revising the definition of the term "airport infrastructure"; authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund up to specified percentages of public vertiport project costs; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section 255.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

255.065 Public-private partnerships.—

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

(i) "Qualifying project" means:

1. A facility or project that serves a public purpose, including, but not limited to, any ferry or mass transit facility, vehicle parking facility, airport or seaport facility, rail facility or project, fuel supply facility, oil or gas pipeline, medical or nursing care facility, recreational facility, sporting or cultural facility, or educational facility or other building or facility that is used or will be used by a public educational institution, or any other public facility or infrastructure that is used or will be used by the public at

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26 | large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity;  
 27 |       2. An improvement, including equipment, of a building that  
 28 | will be principally used by a public entity or the public at  
 29 | large or that supports a service delivery system in the public  
 30 | sector;  
 31 |       3. A water, wastewater, or surface water management  
 32 | facility or other related infrastructure; ~~or~~  
 33 |       4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for  
 34 | projects that involve a facility owned or operated by the  
 35 | governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital or  
 36 | health care system, or projects that involve a facility owned or  
 37 | operated by a municipal electric utility, only those projects  
 38 | that the governing board designates as qualifying projects  
 39 | pursuant to this section; or  
 40 |       5. Vertiports and charging systems.  
 41 |       Section 2. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
 42 | 332.007, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
 43 | added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:  
 44 |       332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
 45 | airport programs and projects; state plan.—  
 46 |       (2)  
 47 |       (c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s.  
 48 | 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport  
 49 | infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of  
 50 | airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable

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51 | condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport  
52 | infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural  
53 | components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient  
54 | movement of people and goods. The term includes vertiport pads,  
55 | safety zones, charging systems, grid upgrades, and resilience  
56 | energy systems. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually  
57 | thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a  
58 | certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
59 | department, that it has established and maintains a  
60 | comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The comprehensive  
61 | airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and  
62 | records, must be open to inspection by the department and  
63 | maintained by the airport for at least 5 years. The  
64 | comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a minimum,  
65 | include all of the following:

66 |       1. Identification of airport infrastructure subject to  
67 | inspection and the schedule for the completion of such  
68 | inspections, taking into consideration the age, type, intended  
69 | use, and criticality of the infrastructure to undisrupted  
70 | commercial or cargo operations.

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

74 |       3. A plan to complete any necessary repairs to, or  
75 | rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure,

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76 | including prioritization and anticipated timeframe for  
77 | completion of the work.

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

85 |         (6) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the  
86 | department may participate in the capital cost of eligible  
87 | public-use airport and aviation development projects in  
88 | accordance with the following rates, unless otherwise provided  
89 | in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill  
90 | implementing the General Appropriations Act:

91 |         (e) When federal funds are not available, the department  
92 | may fund up to 100 percent of the project costs of a public  
93 | vertiport. If federal funds are available, the department may  
94 | fund up to 80 percent of the nonfederal share of such project  
95 | costs.

96 |         Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.