

**By** the Committee on Transportation; and Senator Harrell

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30                   effective date.

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32                   Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:33  
34                   Section 1. This act may be cited as the "Advanced Air  
35 Mobility Competitiveness and Infrastructure Act."36                   Section 2. Paragraph (i) of subsection (1) of section  
37 255.065, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

38                   255.065 Public-private partnerships.—

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

40                   (i) "Qualifying project" means:

41                   1. A facility or project that serves a public purpose,  
42 including, but not limited to, any ferry or mass transit  
43 facility, vehicle parking facility, airport or seaport facility,  
44 rail facility or project, fuel supply facility, oil or gas  
45 pipeline, medical or nursing care facility, recreational  
46 facility, sporting or cultural facility, or educational facility  
47 or other building or facility that is used or will be used by a  
48 public educational institution, or any other public facility or  
49 infrastructure that is used or will be used by the public at  
50 large or in support of an accepted public purpose or activity;51                   2. An improvement, including equipment, of a building that  
52 will be principally used by a public entity or the public at  
53 large or that supports a service delivery system in the public  
54 sector;55                   3. A water, wastewater, or surface water management  
56 facility or other related infrastructure; ~~or~~57                   4. Notwithstanding any provision of this section, for  
58 projects that involve a facility owned or operated by the

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59 governing board of a county, district, or municipal hospital or  
60 health care system, or projects that involve a facility owned or  
61 operated by a municipal electric utility, only those projects  
62 that the governing board designates as qualifying projects  
63 pursuant to this section; or

64 5. Vertiports and charging systems.

65 Section 3. Section 330.412, Florida Statutes, is created to  
66 read:

67 330.412 Limitation of liability for certain public  
68 vertiport operators.—

69 (1) For purposes of this section, the term "vertiport" has  
70 the same meaning as in s. 332.151(1).

71 (2) For vertiports that are colocated with a public  
72 airport, the vertiport operator shall be considered an agency or  
73 subdivision of this state for purposes of s. 768.28 and is  
74 entitled to sovereign immunity to the same extent as a public  
75 airport operator.

76 (3) This section expires July 1, 2036, unless reviewed and  
77 saved from repeal through reenactment by the Legislature.

78 Section 4. Paragraph (c) of subsection (2) of section  
79 332.007, Florida Statutes, is amended, and paragraph (e) is  
80 added to subsection (6) of that section, to read:

81 332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and  
82 airport programs and projects; state plan.—

83 (2)

84 (c) Each commercial service airport as defined in s.  
85 332.0075 shall establish and maintain a comprehensive airport  
86 infrastructure program to ensure the ongoing preservation of  
87 airport infrastructure and facilities in safe and serviceable

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88 condition. For purposes of this paragraph, the term "airport  
89 infrastructure" means the facilities, systems, and structural  
90 components of an airport necessary for the safe and efficient  
91 movement of people and goods. The term includes vertiport pads,  
92 safety zones, charging systems, grid upgrades, and resilience  
93 energy systems. Beginning November 1, 2025, and annually  
94 thereafter, each commercial service airport shall provide a  
95 certification to the department, in a manner prescribed by the  
96 department, that it has established and maintains a  
97 comprehensive airport infrastructure program. The comprehensive  
98 airport infrastructure program report, and related documents and  
99 records, must be open to inspection by the department and  
100 maintained by the airport for at least 5 years. The  
101 comprehensive airport infrastructure program must, at a minimum,  
102 include all of the following:

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

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

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

115 4. A progress report of inspections and their outcomes,  
116 preventative maintenance, and previously identified repair to,

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117 or rehabilitation or reconstruction of, airport infrastructure.  
118 The progress report must include any changes in timeline for  
119 completion, changes in cost estimates, and reasons any  
120 inspection, preventative maintenance, or repair or  
121 rehabilitation did not take place.

122 (6) Subject to the availability of appropriated funds, the  
123 department may participate in the capital cost of eligible  
124 public-use airport and aviation development projects in  
125 accordance with the following rates, unless otherwise provided  
126 in the General Appropriations Act or the substantive bill  
127 implementing the General Appropriations Act:

128 (e) When federal funds are not available, the department  
129 may fund up to 100 percent of the project costs of a public or  
130 private vertiport. If federal funds are available, the  
131 department may fund up to 80 percent of the nonfederal share of  
132 such project costs.

133 Section 5. Subsection (5) is added to section 332.15,  
134 Florida Statutes, to read:

135 332.15 Advanced air mobility.—The Department of  
136 Transportation shall:

137 (5) Create a model vertiport siting code, establish  
138 vertiport demonstration corridors, and adopt rules for  
139 coordination among the department, the Federal Aviation  
140 Administration, and local governmental entities with respect to  
141 vertiports.

142 Section 6. Section 332.151, Florida Statutes, is created to  
143 read:

144 332.151 Vertiport siting; preemption.—

145 (1) As used in this section, the term "vertiport" means an

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146 area of land, a body of water, or a structure used or intended  
147 to be used for the landing, takeoff, and surface maneuvering of  
148 vertical takeoff and landing aircraft, including electric,  
149 hybrid, and hydrogen-powered aircraft. The term includes  
150 associated buildings, facilities, and infrastructure necessary  
151 for the safe and efficient operation of such aircraft,  
152 including, but not limited to, electric charging and fueling  
153 systems, battery thermal management infrastructure, safety  
154 areas, and passenger terminals.

155 (2) The Department of Transportation shall expeditiously  
156 approve vertiports adopting the model vertiport siting code  
157 created pursuant to s. 332.15(5).

158 (3) The regulation of vertiport design, aeronautical  
159 operations, and aviation safety is preempted to the state to  
160 ensure consistency with federal regulations. This subsection  
161 does not apply to local land use and zoning authority or to  
162 reasonable noise compatibility ordinances, provided such local  
163 regulations do not effectively prohibit the operation of  
164 advanced air mobility aircraft authorized by the Federal  
165 Aviation Administration.

166 (4) (a) The regulation of electric aircraft charging  
167 stations and associated infrastructure is preempted to the  
168 state.

169 (b) A local governmental entity may not enact or enforce an  
170 ordinance or regulation related to the design, construction, or  
171 installation of electric aircraft charging stations.

172 (c) Local governmental entities shall issue any required  
173 building permits for electric aircraft charging stations based  
174 solely upon compliance with the standards established by the

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175        Department of Transportation under s. 332.15(5).

176        (d) If a local governmental entity does not approve or deny  
177        a permit application for an electric aircraft charging station  
178        within 15 business days after receipt of a complete application,  
179        the application shall be deemed approved.

180        Section 7. This act shall take effect July 1, 2026.