

CS/HB 335

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A bill to be entitled
An act relating to spaceport operations; amending s. 331.303, F.S.; defining the terms "quintimodal transportation hub" and "spaceport director or commander"; amending s. 331.3051, F.S.; requiring Space Florida to enhance and promote the development and use of quintimodal transportation hubs in this state; creating s. 331.3052, F.S.; providing powers and duties of spaceport operators; providing construction; amending ss. 330.41, 331.310, and 692.201, F.S.; conforming cross-references; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsections (15) through (17) and (18) through (21) of section 331.303, Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (16) through (18) and (20) through (23), respectively, and new subsections (15) and (19) are added to that section to read:

331.303 Definitions.—

(15) "Quintimodal transportation hub" means a spaceport territory within which interconnected transportation facilities are available to move people or property by means of road, railroad, airport, seaport, and spaceport facilities.

26 (19) "Spaceport director or commander" means the
27 individual designated by the governing body, agency, or military
28 authority of a spaceport territory to administer the operations,
29 maintenance, safety, and local agreements of that facility.

30 **Section 2. Subsections (16) and (17) of section 331.3051,**
31 **Florida Statutes, are renumbered as subsections (17) and (18),**
32 **respectively, and a new subsection (16) is added to that section**
33 **to read:**

34 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:
35 (16) In coordination with the Department of
36 Transportation, metropolitan planning organizations, and local
37 governments, enhance and promote the development and use of
38 quintimodal transportation hubs in this state.

39 **Section 3. Section 331.3052, Florida Statutes, is created**
40 **to read:**

41 331.3052 Powers and duties of spaceport operators.—
42 (1) Notwithstanding any other provision of this part,
43 authority over the operational oversight, management, and day-
44 to-day administration of each spaceport shall be vested in the
45 spaceport director or commander for that facility.

46 (2) Space Florida shall be responsible for statewide
47 strategic planning, financing, economic development, and
48 intergovernmental coordination, but may not exercise direct
49 control over local operational decisions unless:

50 (a) Specifically requested in writing by the spaceport

51 director or commander; or

52 (b) Required to comply with applicable federal law or
53 regulation.

54 (3) Each spaceport shall develop and maintain an
55 operational governance plan consistent with Space Florida's
56 statewide strategic plan. Such plan must be submitted annually
57 to Space Florida, but is not subject to approval by Space
58 Florida.

59 (4) Each spaceport shall maintain an updated list of
60 spaceport site readiness development projects consistent with
61 its operational governance plan and with Space Florida's
62 spaceport master plan developed under s. 331.360. Such projects
63 include, but are not limited to, utility and commodity supply
64 extension, transportation infrastructure expansion,
65 environmental reviews, and similar activities that, if
66 completed, will support the future expansion of spaceport
67 operations and related space and hypersonic industry activities
68 including, but not limited to, payload processing, system
69 manufacturing, and testing. Such list must be submitted annually
70 to Space Florida.

71 (5) This section does not diminish Space Florida's
72 authority to finance, lease, or own spaceport facilities or to
73 coordinate economic development initiatives across multiple
74 spaceport territories.

75 **Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section**

76 **330.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

77 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

78 (2) DEFINITIONS.—As used in this act, the term:

79 (b) "Critical infrastructure facility" means any of the
80 following, if completely enclosed by a fence or other physical
81 barrier that is obviously designed to exclude intruders, or if
82 clearly marked with a sign or signs which indicate that entry is
83 forbidden and which are posted on the property in a manner
84 reasonably likely to come to the attention of intruders:

85 1. A power generation or transmission facility,
86 substation, switching station, or electrical control center.

87 2. A chemical or rubber manufacturing or storage facility.

88 3. A water intake structure, water treatment facility,
89 wastewater treatment plant, or pump station.

90 4. A mining facility.

91 5. A natural gas or compressed gas compressor station,
92 storage facility, or natural gas or compressed gas pipeline.

93 6. A liquid natural gas or propane gas terminal or storage
94 facility.

95 7. Any portion of an aboveground oil or gas pipeline.

96 8. A refinery.

97 9. A gas processing plant, including a plant used in the
98 processing, treatment, or fractionation of natural gas.

99 10. A wireless or wired communications facility, including
100 the tower, antennas, support structures, and all associated

101 ground-based equipment.

102 11. A seaport as listed in s. 311.09(1), which need not be
103 completely enclosed by a fence or other physical barrier and
104 need not be marked with a sign or signs indicating that entry is
105 forbidden.

106 12. An inland port or other facility or group of
107 facilities serving as a point of intermodal transfer of freight
108 in a specific area physically separated from a seaport.

109 13. An airport as defined in s. 330.27.

110 14. A spaceport territory as defined in s. 331.303 s.
111 ~~331.303(19)~~.

112 15. A military installation as defined in 10 U.S.C. s.
113 2801(c)(4) and an armory as defined in s. 250.01.

114 16. A dam as defined in s. 373.403(1) or other structures,
115 such as locks, floodgates, or dikes, which are designed to
116 maintain or control the level of navigable waterways.

117 17. A state correctional institution as defined in s.
118 944.02 or a contractor-operated correctional facility authorized
119 under chapter 957.

120 18. A secure detention center or facility as defined in s.
121 985.03, or a moderate-risk residential facility, a high-risk
122 residential facility, or a maximum-risk residential facility as
123 those terms are described in s. 985.03(44).

124 19. A county detention facility as defined in s. 951.23.

125 20. A critical infrastructure facility as defined in s.

126 692.201.

127 **Section 5. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section**
128 **331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

129 331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

130 (2) The board of directors shall:

131 (e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement
132 to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(18) s.
133 ~~331.3051(17)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a
134 balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in
135 financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity
136 accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the
137 auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and
138 proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the
139 year's business, and prospects for the next year.

140 **Section 6. Paragraph (i) of subsection (2) of section**
141 **692.201, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:**

142 692.201 Definitions.—As used in this part, the term:

143 (2) "Critical infrastructure facility" means any of the
144 following, if it employs measures such as fences, barriers, or
145 guard posts that are designed to exclude unauthorized persons:

146 (i) A spaceport territory as defined in s. 331.303 s.
147 ~~331.303(19)~~.

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