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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, in coordination with specified
entities, 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.

(19) "Spaceport director or commander" means the individual
designated by the governing body, agency, or military authority
of a spaceport territory to administer the operations,

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30 maintenance, safety, and local agreements of that facility.

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

35 331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

36 (16) In coordination with the Department of Transportation,
37 metropolitan planning organizations, and local governments,
38 enhance and promote the development and use of quintimodal
39 transportation hubs in this state.

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

42 331.3052 Powers and duties of spaceport operators.—

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

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

51 (a) Specifically requested in writing by the spaceport
52 director or commander; or

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

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

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59 Florida.

60 (4) This section does not diminish Space Florida's
61 authority to finance, lease, or own spaceport facilities or to
62 coordinate economic development initiatives across multiple
63 spaceport territories.

64 Section 4. Paragraph (b) of subsection (2) of section
65 330.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

66 330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

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

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

74 1. A power generation or transmission facility, substation,
75 switching station, or electrical control center.

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

77 3. A water intake structure, water treatment facility,
78 wastewater treatment plant, or pump station.

79 4. A mining facility.

80 5. A natural gas or compressed gas compressor station,
81 storage facility, or natural gas or compressed gas pipeline.

82 6. A liquid natural gas or propane gas terminal or storage
83 facility.

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

85 8. A refinery.

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

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10. A wireless or wired communications facility, including the tower, antennas, support structures, and all associated ground-based equipment.

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

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

13. An airport as defined in s. 330.27.

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

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

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

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

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

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

20. A critical infrastructure facility as defined in s. 692.201.

Section 5. Paragraph (e) of subsection (2) of section

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331.310, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.310 Powers and duties of the board of directors.—

(2) The board of directors shall:

(e) Prepare an annual report of operations as a supplement to the annual report required under s. 331.3051(18) ~~s.~~

~~331.3051(17)~~. The report must include, but not be limited to, a balance sheet, an income statement, a statement of changes in financial position, a reconciliation of changes in equity accounts, a summary of significant accounting principles, the auditor's report, a summary of the status of existing and proposed bonding projects, comments from management about the year's business, and prospects for the next year.

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

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

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

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

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