

By the Committee on Commerce; and Senator Constantine

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1                   A bill to be entitled  
2       An act relating to Space Florida; creating s.  
3       331.3081, F.S.; revising provisions governing the  
4       board of directors of Space Florida; terminating the  
5       existing board and replacing it with a new board  
6       meeting the requirements of the act; providing for  
7       membership; providing for appointment of certain  
8       voting members by the Governor, subject to  
9       confirmation by the Senate; providing for appointment  
10      of nonvoting members by the President of the Senate  
11      and the Speaker of the House of Representatives;  
12      providing for terms of the members and organization of  
13      the board; providing for reappointment or removal of  
14      members; providing for meetings and actions of the  
15      board; providing for reimbursement of expenses  
16      incurred by members and staff of the board; requiring  
17      members to file disclosure of financial interests;  
18      repealing s. 331.308, F.S., relating to the board of  
19      directors of Space Florida; providing an effective  
20      date.

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

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24       Section 1. Section 331.3081, Florida Statutes, is created  
25   to read:

26       331.3081 Board of directors.—

27       (1) Space Florida shall be governed by a board of directors  
28   consisting of 13 voting members and two nonvoting members.

29       (a) The Governor shall appoint nine voting members of the

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30 board of directors pursuant to the requirements of this section.

31 (b) The Governor shall appoint members so that the  
32 membership of the board reflects the statewide presence of  
33 Florida's aerospace industry. When making appointments to the  
34 board, the Governor shall consider whether the membership  
35 reflects the racial, ethnic, and gender diversity, as well as  
36 the geographic distribution, of the population of the state.

37 (c) Designees of voting members described in subparagraph  
38 (f)1. shall have authority to vote. Designees of voting members  
39 described in subparagraph (f)2. shall not have authority to  
40 vote.

41 (d) All appointees must have demonstrated knowledge and  
42 experience in the field of aerospace or have experience that is  
43 directly applicable to the state's aerospace endeavors.

44 (e) All voting members of the board who are newly appointed  
45 by the Governor must be residents of the state or have a  
46 business enterprise in the state.

47 (f)1. The board of directors shall include the following ex  
48 officio voting members:

49 a. The Governor or the Lieutenant Governor as the  
50 Governor's designee.

51 b. The Secretary of Transportation or the secretary's  
52 designee.

53 c. The president of Workforce Florida, Inc., or the  
54 president's designee.

55 d. The president of Enterprise Florida, Inc., or the  
56 president's designee.

57 2. The Governor shall appoint the following voting members  
58 to the board, subject to confirmation by the Senate:

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59 a. One member from organized labor who has experience in  
60 the aerospace industry.

61 b. Two at-large members from the state's aerospace-related  
62 industries across the state.

63 c. Two members, each of whom represents a separate  
64 commercial aerospace company involved in human space flight  
65 programs or commercial access to space.

66 d. Two members, each of whom represents a separate  
67 commercial company working under Federal Government contracts to  
68 conduct space-related business.

69 e. One member from an alternative energy enterprise that  
70 has potential for aerospace applications.

71 f. One member from the aerospace industry whose primary  
72 client is the United States Department of Defense.

73 3. The President of the Senate shall appoint one nonvoting,  
74 ex officio member from among the members of the Senate.

75 4. The Speaker of the House of Representatives shall  
76 appoint one nonvoting, ex officio member from among the members  
77 of the House of Representatives.

78 (2) The terms of the current members of the Space Florida  
79 board of directors shall expire 90 days after this section takes  
80 effect.

81 (3) The initial appointments under this section and Senate  
82 confirmations of the appointments shall occur 91 days after this  
83 section takes effect. New appointees shall have interim status  
84 pending the next called meeting of the Senate.

85 (4) The terms of four of the Governor's initial  
86 appointments under this section shall be for 2 years, at the  
87 discretion of the Governor.

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88       (5) The terms of five of the Governor's initial  
89 appointments under this section shall be for 4 years, at the  
90 discretion of the Governor.

91       (6) At the expiration of the initial terms under this  
92 section, subsequent members appointed by the Governor shall each  
93 be appointed to a 4-year term.

94       (7) Vacancies on the board shall be filled for the  
95 unexpired term in the same manner as the original appointment.

96       (8) The appointees of the President of the Senate and the  
97 Speaker of the House of Representatives shall serve at the  
98 pleasure of the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the  
99 House of Representatives, respectively.

100       (9) Any member appointed under this section is eligible for  
101 reappointment.

102       (10) Appointed members may be removed by the Governor for  
103 cause or by a simple majority of the board of directors voting  
104 at a properly noticed meeting of the board.

105       (11) The board of directors shall meet at least four times  
106 each year upon the call of the Governor, at the request of the  
107 Lieutenant Governor, or at the request of a majority of the  
108 board members.

109       (12) The board of directors may take official action by a  
110 majority vote of the members present at any meeting at which a  
111 quorum is present.

112       (13) Members of the board of directors shall serve without  
113 compensation; however, members and support staff may be  
114 reimbursed for all reasonable, necessary, and actual expenses as  
115 determined by the board of directors pursuant to s. 112.061.

116       (14) Each member of the board of directors who is not

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117 otherwise required to file financial disclosure pursuant to s.  
118 8, Art. II of the State Constitution or s. 112.3144 shall file  
119 disclosure of financial interests pursuant to s. 112.3145.

120 Section 2. Section 331.308, Florida Statutes, is repealed.

121 Section 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law.