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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to advanced air mobility; creating the
3 Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force adjunct to the
4 Department of Transportation; specifying the
5 composition of the task force; providing that task
6 force members serve at the pleasure of their
7 appointing authority; providing that task force
8 members shall serve without compensation but are
9 entitled to certain reimbursement; specifying duties
10 of the task force; defining the term "VTOL aircraft";
11 requiring the task force to submit a certain report to
12 the Governor and the Legislature by a specified date;
13 providing for abolishment of the task force; providing
14 for expiration; providing an effective date.

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

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18 Section 1. Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force.—

19 (1) The Advanced Air Mobility Study Task Force, a task
20 force as defined in s. 20.03(8), Florida Statutes, is created
21 adjunct to the Department of Transportation. The task force is
22 composed of the following members:

23 (a) The secretary of the Department of Transportation or
24 the secretary's designee, who shall serve as chair of the task
25 force.

26 (b) One member of the Senate appointed by the President of
27 the Senate.

28 (c) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by
29 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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30 (d) The executive director of the Florida League of Cities
31 or the director's designee.

32 (e) The executive director of the Florida Association of
33 Counties or the director's designee.

34 (f) The president of Space Florida or the president's
35 designee.

36 (g) Appointed by the Governor:

37 1. Two members, each representing a different city having a
38 population of more than 250,000 persons.

39 2. One member representing a city having a population of
40 fewer than 250,000 persons.

41 3. One member representing a metropolitan planning
42 organization.

43 4. One member representing the State University System.

44 5. Three members representing the advanced air mobility
45 industry.

46 6. One member representing an organization in this state
47 which advocates for persons with disabilities.

48 7. Two members representing the business community.

49 8. One member representing an organization in this state
50 which advocates for underserved transportation areas.

51 9. One member representing a public airport located in a
52 county having a population of more than 1 million persons.

53 10. One member representing a public airport located in a
54 county having a population of fewer than 1 million persons.

55 (2) Appointed members shall serve at the pleasure of the
56 appointing authority.

57 (3) Task force members shall serve without compensation but
58 are entitled to receive reimbursement for per diem and travel

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59 expenses pursuant to s. 112.061, Florida Statutes.

60 (4) The task force shall hold public hearings in locations
61 throughout this state, or by electronic means, and receive
62 public comments through a website or by mail. The task force
63 shall:

64 (a) Assess and describe the current state of development of
65 the advanced air mobility industry, specifically, deployment of
66 VTOL aircraft. As used in this section, the term "VTOL aircraft"
67 means aircraft capable of taking off and landing vertically
68 without use of a runway.

69 (b) Identify and discuss any federal requirements that must
70 be met for deployment of advanced air mobility in this state.

71 (c) Recommend any revisions to current state law that may
72 impact the advanced air mobility industry, including, but not
73 limited to, any revisions that would create jurisdictional
74 consistency for advanced air mobility operations throughout this
75 state.

76 (d) Collaborate with local governments to evaluate
77 potential integration of advanced air mobility into
78 transportation plans. Such collaboration shall be summarized in
79 the report submitted pursuant to subsection (5).

80 (5) By October 1, 2023, the task force shall submit to the
81 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the
82 House of Representatives a report including the information
83 specified in subsection (4), as well as any other relevant
84 material deemed appropriate by the task force. Upon submission
85 of the report, the task force is abolished.

86 (6) This section expires December 31, 2023.

87 Section 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2022.