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.

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

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

331.3051 Duties of Space Florida.—Space Florida shall:

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

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

331.3052 Powers and duties of spaceport operators.—

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

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

(a) Specifically requested in writing by the spaceport

director or commander; or

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

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

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

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

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

330.41, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

330.41 Unmanned Aircraft Systems Act.—

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

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

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

2. A chemical or rubber manufacturing or storage facility.

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

4. A mining facility.

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

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

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

8. A refinery.

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

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 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.

CODING: Words ~~stricken~~ are deletions; words underlined are additions.