

Senate Bill No. 48-B

An act relating to airports, amending s. 332.007, F.S.; providing economic assistance to airports; providing for noise mitigation for certain airports; requiring certain notice to the Legislature; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (8) is added to section 332.007, Florida Statutes, to read:

332.007 Administration and financing of aviation and airport programs and projects; state plan.—

(8) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the department is authorized to provide operational and maintenance assistance to publicly owned public-use airports. Such assistance shall be to comply with enhanced federal security requirements or to address related economic impacts from the events of September 11, 2001. For projects in the current adopted work program, or projects added using the available budget of the department, airports may request the department change the project purpose in accordance with this provision notwithstanding the provisions of s. 339.135(7). For purposes of this subsection, the department may fund up to 100 percent of eligible project costs that are not funded by the federal government. Prior to releasing any funds under this section, the department shall review and approve the expenditure plans submitted by the airport. The department shall inform the Legislature of any change that it approves under this subsection. This subsection shall expire on June 30, 2003.

Section 2. Any multicounty airport authority created as an independent special district which is subject to a development-of-regional-impact development order and which has conducted a noise study in accordance with 14 C.F.R. Part 150 shall, in fiscal year 2002, establish a noise-mitigation-project fund in an amount of \$7.5 million, which shall be increased by another \$2.5 million in fiscal year 2004. The moneys in the project fund shall be segregated and expended by the airport authority by December 31, 2006, to the extent necessary to comply with development-order commitments to acquire property from or otherwise mitigate property owners adversely affected by the development of regional impact. If moneys are not expended for such purposes by December 31, 2006, the airport authority shall not thereafter amend its development-of-regional-impact development order or commence development of airport infrastructure improvements authorized by such development order until such funds are fully expended for such purposes.

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

Approved by the Governor November 16, 2001.

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