

## CHAPTER 2024-76

### Committee Substitute for Senate Bill No. 968

An act relating to spaceport territory; amending s. 331.303, F.S.; revising the definition of “spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects”; s. 331.304, F.S.; revising spaceport territory to include certain property; amending s. 331.371, F.S.; authorizing the Department of Transportation to fund spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects if important access and on-spaceport-territory space transportation capacity improvements are provided; providing an effective date.

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

Section 1. Subsection (18) of section 331.303, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.303 Definitions.—

(18) “Spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects” means capacity improvements that enhance space transportation capacity at spaceports or on spaceport territory ~~that have had one or more orbital or suborbital flights during the previous calendar year or have an agreement in writing for installation of one or more regularly scheduled orbital or suborbital flights upon the commitment of funds for stipulated spaceport capital improvements.~~

Section 2. Subsections (6) and (7) are added to section 331.304, Florida Statutes, to read:

331.304 Spaceport territory.—The following property shall constitute spaceport territory:

(6) Certain real property located in Miami-Dade County which was formerly included within the boundaries of Homestead Air Force Base and is included within the boundaries of Homestead Air Reserve Base or deeded to Miami-Dade County or the City of Homestead. Homestead Air Force Base refers to and includes:

(a) Federal property that is part of Homestead Air Reserve Base; and

(b) Former federal property that was previously part of Homestead Air Force Base and, as of July 1, 2024, or any time thereafter, is deeded to Miami-Dade County or the City of Homestead.

(7) Certain real property located in Bay County which is included within the boundaries of Tyndall Air Force Base.

Section 3. Section 331.371, Florida Statutes, is amended to read:

331.371 Strategic space infrastructure investment.—In consultation with Space Florida, the Department of Transportation may fund spaceport discretionary capacity improvement ~~strategic spaceport launch support facilities investment~~ projects, as defined in s. 331.303, at up to 100 percent of the project’s cost if:

- (1) Important access and ~~on-spaceport-territory~~ space transportation and commercial launch facility capacity improvements are provided;
- (2) Capital improvements that strategically position the state to maximize opportunities in international trade are achieved;
- (3) Goals of an integrated intermodal transportation system for the state are achieved; and
- (4) Feasibility and availability of matching funds through federal, local, or private partners are demonstrated.

Section 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2024.

Approved by the Governor April 11, 2024.

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