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A BILL  
TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

Relating to aviation; to require the Department of Transportation to take certain actions regarding advanced air mobility; and to prohibit political subdivisions of the state from adopting rules or regulations regarding advanced air mobility in certain circumstances.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the following meanings:

(1) POWERED-LIFT AIRCRAFT. A heavier-than-air aircraft capable of vertical takeoff, vertical landing, and low speed flight that depends principally on engine drive lift devices or engine thrust for lift.

(2) VERTIPOINT. An area of land or water, or a structure, used or intended to be used for the takeoff or landing of powered-lift aircraft.

(b) The Department of Transportation shall do all of the following:

(1) Develop a statewide plan to include vertiports, electric aviation charging, and the infrastructure needs of other advances in aviation technology. No existing state



29 revenues accruing to the department in the Public Road and  
30 Bridge Fund, the Rebuild Alabama Fund, or other state revenues  
31 used for the purpose of matching federal funds shall be used  
32 for the purpose of developing or updating this statewide plan.

33 (2) Designate a liaison for advanced air mobility  
34 within the department as a resource for local and regional  
35 jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation technology.

36 (3) Coordinate with experts in the public and private  
37 sector to provide local and regional jurisdictions with  
38 educational and technical resources to support uniform  
39 planning and zoning language across the state regarding  
40 powered-lift aircraft, electric aviation, and other advances  
41 in aviation technology. No existing state revenues accruing to  
42 the department in the Public Road and Bridge Fund, the Rebuild  
43 Alabama Fund, or other state revenues used for the purpose of  
44 matching federal funds shall be used for the purpose of  
45 providing local or regional jurisdictions with educational or  
46 technical resources to support uniform planning or zoning  
47 language across the state.

48 (c) (1) Except as otherwise provided by law, a political  
49 subdivision of this state, other than an airport operator,  
50 shall not enact any law, ordinance, regulation, or rule  
51 relating to advanced air mobility.

52 (2) An airport operator may only enact a law, rule,  
53 regulation, or ordinance relating to advanced air mobility  
54 that applies within the geographical boundaries over which the  
55 airport operator has authority.

56 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October



57 1, 2024.