



**House Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure
Reported Substitute for HB176**

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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 enacting 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**



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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.

42 (c)(1) A political subdivision of this state, other
43 than an airport operator, shall not enact any law, ordinance,
44 regulation, or rule relating to advanced air mobility.

45 (2) An airport operator may only enact a law, rule,
46 regulation, or ordinance relating to advanced air mobility
47 that applies within the geographic boundaries over which the
48 airport operator has authority.

49 Section 2. This act shall become effective on October
50 1, 2024.