

# HB176 INTRODUCED



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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to develop a statewide plan and lead a statewide education campaign regarding advances in aviation technology.

This bill would require the Department of Transportation to designate a subject matter expert for advanced air mobility and provide related resources to local and regional jurisdictions.

This bill would also prohibit political subdivisions of the state from enacting rules or regulations related to advanced air mobility.

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



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29 following terms have the following meanings:

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

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

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

39 (1) Develop a statewide plan to include vertiports,  
40 electric aviation charging, and the infrastructure needs of  
41 other advances in aviation technology.

42 (2) Designate a subject matter expert for advanced air  
43 mobility within the department as a resource for local and  
44 regional jurisdictions navigating advances in aviation  
45 technology.

46 (3) Lead a statewide education campaign for local and  
47 regional decision-makers regarding advancements in aviation  
48 technology.

49 (4) Provide local and regional jurisdictions with a  
50 guidebook and technical resources to support uniform planning  
51 and zoning language across the state regarding powered-lift  
52 aircraft, electric aviation, and other advances in aviation  
53 technology.

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



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

61           Section 2. This act shall become effective on October  
62 1, 2024.