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SYNOPSIS:

This bill would establish the Aerospace Export Safeguard and Innovation Act that will create the Aerospace Export Resilience Grant Program, the Advanced Materials and Components Security Grant Program, the Defense Export Facilitation Services Program, and the Aerospace Trade Monitoring Council.

A BILL
TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT

Relating to commerce; to establish the Aerospace Export Safeguard and Innovation Act; to provide definitions; to create the Aerospace Export Resilience Grant Program; to create the Advanced Materials and Components Security Grant Program; to expand services to aerospace firms; to provide technical assistance to aerospace companies; and to create the Aerospace Trade Monitoring Council.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

Section 1. This act shall be known and be cited as the Aerospace Export Safeguard and Innovation Act.

Section 2. It is the intent of the Legislature to mitigate the impact of international trade disruptions on the



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29 aerospace and defense sectors and to support innovation and
30 secure export pathways.

31 Section 3. For the purpose of this act, the following
32 terms and phrases have the following meanings:

33 (1) DEPARTMENT. The Alabama Department of Commerce.

34 (2) ELIGIBLE AEROSPACE ENTITY. A company or research
35 institution engaged in aerospace manufacturing, research, or
36 defense contracting.

37 (3) TARIFF-RELATED DISRUPTION. Any negative economic
38 impact resulting from United States or foreign tariffs that
39 affect aerospace inputs, exports, or partnerships.

40 Section 4. (a) The Aerospace Export Resilience Grant
41 Program is established and shall be administered by the
42 department.

43 (b) Grants shall be awarded to eligible aerospace
44 entities experiencing tariff-related disruptions.

45 (c) Grant funds may be used for:

46 (1) Maintaining export operations;

47 (2) Workforce retention;

48 (3) Supplier diversification; or

49 (4) International compliance.

50 (d) The aggregate amount of grants awarded pursuant to
51 this section shall not exceed ten million dollars
52 (\$10,000,000) in a calendar year.

53 (e) The department, by rule, shall establish program
54 guidelines, including application requirements and oversight
55 procedures.

56 Section 5. (a) The Advanced Materials and Components



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57 Security Grant Program is established and shall be
58 administered by the department.

59 (b) Grants shall be awarded to:

60 (1) Support research into domestic or tariff-neutral
61 alternatives to foreign aerospace materials;

62 (2) Facilitate public-private partnerships with
63 universities and federal labs; and

64 (3) Encourage domestic production of critical aerospace
65 inputs.

66 (c) Projects shall be selected based on national
67 security relevance, economic feasibility, and supply chain
68 risk reduction.

69 (d) The aggregate amount of grants awarded pursuant to
70 this section shall not exceed ten million dollars
71 (\$10,000,000) in a calendar year.

72 (e) The department, by rule, shall establish program
73 guidelines, including application requirements and oversight
74 procedures.

75 Section 6. (a) The Defense Export Facilitation Services
76 Program is established and shall be administered by the
77 department.

78 (b) The department shall expand support services for
79 aerospace firms engaged in exporting defense-related goods.

80 (c) Services may include:

81 (1) Compliance assistance with International Traffic in
82 Arms Regulations (ITAR);

83 (2) Training on export control laws and foreign
84 licensing; and



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85 (3) Legal and logistical support for navigating foreign
86 countermeasures.

87 Section 7. (a) The department shall provide Supply
88 Chain Continuity Planning Assistance.

89 (b) The department shall provide aerospace companies
90 technical assistance to:

91 (1) Map critical supply dependencies;

92 (2) Develop contingency plans for procurement and
93 transportation; and

94 (3) Identify domestic or alternative foreign sourcing
95 opportunities.

96 Section 8. (a) There is established the Aerospace Trade
97 Monitoring Council.

98 (b) The council shall consist of five members, each
99 appointed by the Governor, including representatives from
100 industry, academia, and economic development agencies.

101 (c) The first meeting shall be held by September 1,
102 2026. The council shall meet no less than annually and
103 otherwise as necessary.

104 (d) The council shall:

105 (1) Monitor aerospace trade patterns and tariffs;

106 (2) Evaluate exposure to trade disruptions;

107 (3) Recommend adaptive policy strategies to the
108 Legislature and Governor; and

109 (4) Report annually to the Governor and the Legislature
110 on its activities, findings, and recommendations.

111 Section 9. This act shall become effective on July 1,
112 2026.