

ACT #2017-403

1 HB176

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3 By Representatives Sanderford, Sessions, Carns, Patterson,
4 Collins, Shiver, Chesteen, Hall, Rich, Whorton (R), Pettus,
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6 RFD: Technology and Research

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2 ENROLLED, An Act,

3 To create the Alabama Space Authority within the
4 Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs (ADECA),
5 to promote the research and development of new space
6 exploration and spaceport technologies; to sponsor conferences
7 and business roundtables within the aerospace, aviation, and
8 related industries; and promote activities and industries
9 related to space exploration; to include representatives on
10 the authority of the University of Alabama in Huntsville, the
11 Alabama Department of Commerce, ADECA, Alabama Department of
12 Transportation, the Governor, the Legislature, and other
13 individuals with knowledge and interest in space technology.

14 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

15 Section 1. There is hereby established the Alabama
16 Space Authority.

17 Section 2. The authority shall be composed of a
18 representative of the University of Alabama in Huntsville,
19 selected by the President of the University of Alabama in
20 Huntsville, the Director of the Auburn University Aviation
21 Center, the President of Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical
22 University, the Secretary of the Alabama Department of
23 Commerce, the Director of the Alabama Department of Economic
24 and Community Affairs (ADECA), the Director of the Department
25 of Transportation (ALDOT), and six other members to be

1 selected from the aerospace, aviation, and related industries,
2 or persons having knowledge or interest in space technology,
3 according to the following manner: One member appointed by the
4 Governor, ~~one member appointed by the Lieutenant Governor~~ the
5 Finance Director, two members appointed by the Speaker of the
6 House of Representatives, and two members appointed by the
7 President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

8 Section 3. The authority shall be created as an
9 office in the Alabama Department of Economic and Community
10 Affairs (ADECA). ADECA shall provide for the initial support
11 needed to apply for grant funding. Upon receipt of grant
12 funding, ADECA shall provide administrative support for the
13 authority.

14 Section 4. The authority shall have the following
15 duties:

16 (1) Encourage the education and training of
17 aerospace professionals to pioneer the frontier of space and
18 to develop new methods and technologies for the exploration of
19 space.

20 (2) Promote new space exploration, space tourism,
21 and spaceport technologies across a wide spectrum of
22 corporate, academic, public, and private innovation
23 infrastructures.

1 (3) Sponsor aerospace conferences and business
2 roundtables to enable networking among key aerospace leaders
3 and public officials.

4 (4) Encourage the leveraging of venture capital and
5 seed public-private partnerships to promote entrepreneurship
6 and expand space enterprise.

7 (5) Propose business initiatives, tax credits, small
8 business incubator programs, and other initiatives to
9 stimulate economic development and innovation within the
10 aerospace and space systems communities.

11 ~~(6) Promote adequate roads, communications, Internet~~
12 ~~access, and leverage unique geographical assets such as~~
13 ~~location, elevation, landforms, and climate to develop~~
14 ~~terrestrial analog test facilities.~~

15 (7) (6) Perform a study on the feasibility of
16 securing approval for the State of Alabama to have a federally
17 licensed spaceport.

18 ~~(8) Identify, acquire, and manage the development of~~
19 ~~public lands for space related activities including, if found~~
20 ~~to be feasible, space launch.~~

21 (9) (7) Encourage space research and education
22 centers to support these programs and facilitate technology
23 transfer.

24 (10) (8) Work with the Department of Tourism, the
25 Alabama Space Science Exhibit Commission, and other public

1 agencies to communicate the multiple scientific, educational,
2 and commercial benefits of space exploration and the legacy of
3 Alabama's contributions to America's space program to the
4 public and to promote space tourism and training.

5 Section 5. For the purpose of accomplishing the
6 duties enumerated in Section 4, the authority shall have the
7 following powers:

8 ~~(1) To borrow money for its corporate purposes and,~~
9 ~~in evidence of such borrowing, to sell and issue bonds of the~~
10 ~~authority and to refund any thereof by the issuance of~~
11 ~~refunding bonds, or other debt instruments.~~

12 ~~(2)~~ (1) To acquire by purchase, gift, ~~or any other~~
13 ~~lawful means~~ or gift any real, personal, or mixed property
14 necessary or convenient in connection with the purpose for
15 which the authority is formed and to hold title to such
16 property, together with all rights incidental to its estate in
17 such property.

18 ~~(3) To exercise the right allocated to the state to~~
19 ~~acquire property used or useful for the purpose for which the~~
20 ~~authority is formed as freely and completely as and in the~~
21 ~~same manner that the State of Alabama is empowered to exercise~~
22 ~~such rights.~~

23 ~~(4)~~ ~~(3)~~ (2) To lease all or any part of the
24 facilities or property of the authority to any person and,

1 from time to time, fix, revise, charge, and collect rentals
2 under such leases.

3 Section 6. Nothing in this act should be construed
4 to limit the ability of municipalities ~~or counties,~~ counties,
5 or airport authorities incorporated or reincorporated pursuant
6 to Title 4, Code of Alabama 1975, from developing aerospace
7 and spaceport infrastructure and capabilities.

8 Section 7. ~~The enumeration of duties and powers~~
9 ~~shall not be construed to give any other public or private~~
10 ~~entity, department, or subdivision of the state, other than~~
11 ~~the Alabama Space Authority, the right to exercise the~~
12 ~~above-mentioned powers.~~

13 Section 8. ~~The authority may not be dissolved while~~
14 ~~it still holds outstanding bonds or other unpaid indebtedness.~~

15 Section 9. Membership of the authority shall serve
16 without compensation but shall be reimbursed for per diem and
17 travel expenses at the same rate and under the same
18 circumstances as are payable by law to state employees for
19 each day they attend business of the authority.

20 Per diem and travel expenses for members who are
21 state officers or employees shall be paid from the budget of
22 the Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs.

23 Section 10. This act shall become effective
24 immediately following its passage and approval by the
25 Governor, or its otherwise becoming law.

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Mac McClatchan

Speaker of the House of Representatives

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President and Presiding Officer of the Senate

House of Representatives

I hereby certify that the within Act originated in
and was passed by the House 02-MAY-17, as amended.

Jeff Woodard
Clerk

Senate	<u>17-MAY-17</u>	Amended and Passed
House	<u>19-MAY-17</u>	Concurred in Senate Amendment

APPROVED May 16, 2017

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Alabama Secretary Of State

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HOUSE ACTION

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE RESOLUTION AS REQUIRED IN SECTION C OF ACT NO. 81-889 WAS ADOPTED AND IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. 171

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JEFF WOODARD, Clerk

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE NOTICE & PROOF IS ATTACHED TO THE BILL, H.B. _____ AS REQUIRED IN THE GENERAL ACTS OF ALABAMA, 1975 ACT NO. 919.

JEFF WOODARD, Clerk

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

House Conferees _____

SENATE ACTION

DATE: 5-9 2017

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This Bill was referred to the Standing Committee of the Senate on 5/9 and was acted upon by such Committee in session and is by order of the Committee returned therefrom with a favorable report w/amend(s) 2 w/sub 0 by a vote of yeas 8 nays 0 abstain 0

This 9th day of May 2017

Jeremy W. Sledge Chairperson

DATE: 5-9 2017

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DATE: _____ 20__

RE-REFERRED RE-COMMITTED

Committee _____

I hereby certify that the Resolution as required in Section C of Act No. 81-889 was adopted and is attached to the Bill, HB 171

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PATRICK HARRIS, Secretary

(5/11)