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4 SYNOPSIS:

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

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

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

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18 A BILL

19 TO BE ENTITLED

20 AN ACT

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

27 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF ALABAMA:

28 Section 1. (a) For the purposes of this section, the



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) VERTIPORT. 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.