

## HB176 INTRODUCED



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3 By Representative Lomax  
4 RFD: Transportation, Utilities and Infrastructure  
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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  
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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



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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.

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

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

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

(c) (1) A political subdivision of this state, other than an airport operator, shall not enact any law, ordinance, 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.