

SENATE BILL NO. 795

December 14, 2021, Introduced by Senators HERTEL and NESBITT and referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

A bill to amend 1945 PA 327, entitled
"Aeronautics code of the state of Michigan,"
(MCL 259.1 to 259.208) by adding section 207.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN ENACT:

1 Sec. 207. (1) The advanced air mobility study committee is
2 created and consists of the following 25 members:

3 (a) The director of the department of labor and economic
4 opportunity, or his or her designee.

5 (b) The director of the department of military and veterans
6 affairs, or his or her designee.

1 (c) The director of the state transportation department, or
2 his or her designee.

3 (d) The following 16 members appointed by the governor:

4 (i) One member representing the Michigan Municipal League.

5 (ii) Two members who are from different cities, each with a
6 population greater than 250,000.

7 (iii) One member from a city with a population of less than
8 100,000.

9 (iv) One member representing the Michigan Association of
10 Counties.

11 (v) One member representing a metropolitan planning
12 organization.

13 (vi) One member representing a university in this state.

14 (vii) One member representing a community college in this
15 state.

16 (viii) Three members representing the advanced air mobility
17 industry.

18 (ix) One member representing an organization in this state that
19 helps individuals with disabilities.

20 (x) Two members representing the business community.

21 (xi) One member representing an organization in this state that
22 represents underserved transportation areas.

23 (xii) One member representing an airport located in a county
24 with a population of more than 1,500,000.

25 (e) Three members appointed by the senate majority leader.

26 (f) Three members appointed by the speaker of the house of
27 representatives.

28 (2) An individual with the authority to appoint a member of

1 the committee under subsection (1)(d), (e), or (f) must appoint
2 that member of the committee not later than 30 days after the
3 effective date of the amendatory act that added this section. A
4 member of the committee appointed under subsection (1)(d), (e), or
5 (f) serves at the pleasure of the individual who appointed that
6 member of the committee.

7 (3) The senate majority leader shall designate 1 of the
8 members of the committee described in subsection (1)(e) to serve as
9 co-chairperson of the committee. The speaker of the house of
10 representatives shall designate 1 of the members of the committee
11 described in subsection (1)(f) to serve as co-chairperson of the
12 committee. The co-chairperson designated by the senate majority
13 leader shall call the first meeting of the committee. The committee
14 shall meet at least quarterly, or more frequently at the call of a
15 co-chairperson or at the request of 13 or more members.

16 (4) A majority of the members of the committee constitutes a
17 quorum for transacting business. A vote of 13 or more of the
18 members of the committee serving is required for any action of the
19 committee.

20 (5) The committee shall conduct its business in compliance
21 with the open meetings act, 1976 PA 267, MCL 15.261 to 15.275.

22 (6) A writing that is prepared, owned, used, possessed, or
23 retained by the committee in performing an official function is
24 subject to the freedom of information act, 1976 PA 442, MCL 15.231
25 to 15.246.

26 (7) A member of the committee is not entitled to compensation
27 for service on the committee but the committee may reimburse a
28 member for actual and necessary expenses incurred in serving.

29 (8) The committee shall do all of the following:

1 (a) Review current laws in this state that could impact the
2 advanced air mobility industry and discuss necessary revisions.

3 (b) Identify potential laws in this state that will create
4 jurisdictional consistency for advanced air mobility operations
5 throughout this state.

6 (c) Foster public acceptance and awareness by creating an
7 outreach campaign to educate the general public and lawmakers about
8 advanced air mobility technology and its benefits.

9 (d) Collaborate with local governments to identify the best
10 ways to integrate advanced air mobility into transportation plans.

11 (e) Not later than 2 years after the effective date of the
12 amendatory act that added this section, submit a report regarding
13 the committee's activities described in this subsection that
14 includes recommendations for administrative or legislative action
15 to the governor, the secretary of state, the senate majority
16 leader, and the speaker of the house of representatives.

17 (9) The committee is dissolved 2 years after the effective
18 date of the amendatory act that added this section.

19 (10) Except as authorized by law, a county, city, village, or
20 township shall not enact or adopt an ordinance, policy, or rule
21 that relates to the ownership or operation of an advanced air
22 mobility aircraft or advanced air mobility and shall not otherwise
23 engage in the regulation or ownership of an advanced air mobility
24 aircraft or advanced air mobility. Any ordinance, policy, or rule
25 that violates this subsection, whether enacted or adopted by the
26 county, city, village, or township before or after the effective
27 date of this section, is void.

28 (11) As used in this section:

29 (a) "Advanced air mobility" means a system that transports

1 people and property by air between points in the United States
2 using aircraft, including electric aircraft and electric vertical
3 takeoff and landing aircraft, in both controlled and uncontrolled
4 airspace.

5 (b) "Committee" means the advanced air mobility study
6 committee created in subsection (1).