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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 28-8602, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO
VERTIPORTS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 28-8602, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to
3 read:

4 28-8602. Vertiport and electric aviation planning

5 A. Beginning September 1, 2026, the department shall:

6 1. Through consultation with political subdivisions of this state
7 that own or control a public airport, commercial air carriers, the federal
8 aviation administration and any other relevant stakeholders, develop a
9 statewide plan or update the statewide aviation plan to include public
10 vertiports and electric aircraft charging stations and the infrastructure
11 needs of advanced air mobility.

12 2. Designate a person who has expertise in advanced air mobility
13 within the department as a resource for local and regional jurisdictions
14 that are developing or implementing advanced air mobility, including an
15 electric powered lift aircraft and electric aircraft. The person shall
16 establish working relationships with political subdivisions of this state
17 that own or control a public airport, commercial air carriers, the federal
18 aviation administration, the United States department of transportation
19 and any other relevant stakeholders.

20 B. A political subdivision of this state, in compliance with
21 applicable federal laws, including those laws that apply to the federal
22 aviation administration's and the United States department of
23 transportation's safety standards AND AFTER THE APPROVAL OF THE VERTIPORT
24 LAYOUT PLAN BY THE FEDERAL AVIATION ADMINISTRATION, may establish the
25 location of public and private vertiports, THE LOCATION OF electric
26 aircraft charging stations and the infrastructure needs of advanced air
27 mobility.

28 C. EACH PUBLIC VERTIPORT AND PUBLIC ELECTRIC AIRCRAFT CHARGING
29 STATION AND ANY SEPARATE PROJECT FOR INFRASTRUCTURE NEEDS OF ADVANCED AIR
30 MOBILITY SHALL BE OPEN FOR PUBLIC BID WITH NO PREFERENCE OR WEIGHT GIVEN
31 TO AN EXISTING PUBLIC VERTIPORT OWNER OR OPERATOR.