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HB 2780: technical correction; military; special plates
S/E: Arizona space commission; appropriation
Sponsor: Representative Wilmeth, LD 2
Committee on Commerce

Summary of the Strike-Everything Amendment to HB 2780

Overview

Creates the Arizona Space Commission (Commission)

Provisions

Arizona Space Commission

1. Establishes the Commission which is governed by a 9-member, Governor appointed, Board of Directors (Board). (Sec. 1)
2. Requires priority of Board appointments be given to individuals with experience in:
 - a) commercial and military aerospace;
 - b) civil aviation;
 - c) space economic development;
 - d) space-related academic research;
 - e) nonprofit space economy support;
 - f) real estate; and
 - g) finance. (Sec. 1)
3. Provides requirements for Board member's terms in office and Board vacancies. (Sec. 1)
4. Instructs the Board to appoint a Director (Director) of the Commission who receives compensation as determined by statute and serves at the pleasure of the Board. (Sec. 1)
5. Permits the Director to hire staff as necessary to implement the duties of the Commission. (Sec. 1)
6. Prescribes the duties of the Board which include:
 - a) direct the activities of and establish goals for the Commission;
 - b) establish standards to ensure the proper use of fund monies;
 - c) identify research and funding opportunities within this state;
 - d) promote and assist developing workforce training to advance emerging technologies required for all aspects of space exploration; and
 - e) solicit proposals for funding and research opportunities. (Sec. 1)
7. Allows the Board to:

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- a) appoint an ad hoc advisory committee as necessary to carry out the duties of the Board;
 - b) acquire and convey property or an interest in property in Arizona;
 - c) engage in planning and implementing of aerospace-related educational opportunities in Arizona. (Sec. 1)
8. Instructs the Director to develop and annually update a strategic plan for promoting and expanding space, aeronautics and aviation in this state, including a list of potential projects to further the purposes of the Commission. (Sec. 1)
 9. Specifies the list of potential projects must include:
 - a) the estimated total cost for the project, including any available matching state monies; and
 - b) an assessment of the availability of external funding sources. (Sec. 1)
 10. Directs the Board to conduct a hearing to review and amend or approve the strategic plan and to annually submit the plan to the Governor and Legislature. (Sec. 1)

Space Exploration and Aeronautics Research Fund

11. Establishes the Space Exploration and Aeronautics Research Fund (Fund) consisting of legislative appropriations and gifts, grants and donations. (Sec. 1)
12. Specifies monies in the Fund are continuously appropriated and may be used to provide grants to businesses or nonprofit organizations that are involved in the space exploration or aeronautics industry or to a governmental entity with which the Board has entered into an intergovernmental agreement. (Sec. 1)
13. Specifies the Board administers the Fund and may use up to 10% of Fund monies for administrative costs. (Sec. 1)
14. Outlines the purposes for which grant monies must be used. (Sec. 1)
15. Permits the Board to provide grants for multiyear projects and specify the total amount of monies approved to fund each project. (Sec. 1)
16. Requires the Board to establish standards to ensure that grant recipients purchase goods and services from Arizona suppliers to the extent reasonably possible. (Sec. 1)
17. Directs each grant recipient to submit a report to the Board that describes how grant monies were spent and a summary of any findings. (Sec. 1)
18. Requires the Board to prescribe a simplified form and procedure to apply for grants. (Sec. 1)
19. Appropriates \$2,000,000 from the state General Fund in FY 2025 to the Fund. (Sec. 4)
20. Exempts the appropriation to the Fund from lapsing. (Sec. 4)

Miscellaneous

21. Declares the purpose of the Commission is to promote space aeronautics, astronautics and aviation in Arizona. (Sec. 3)
22. Terminates the Commission on July 1, 2032. (Sec. 2)
23. Repeals governing statutes January 1, 2032. (Sec. 2)
24. Defines pertinent terms. (Sec. 1)