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A Bill

HOUSE BILL 1499

5 By: Representative Pilkington
6 By: Senator J. Boyd
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For An Act To Be Entitled

9 AN ACT TO EXECUTE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE
10 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARKANSAS SPACEPORT; AND FOR OTHER
11 PURPOSES.
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Subtitle

15 TO EXECUTE A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE
16 DEVELOPMENT OF AN ARKANSAS SPACEPORT.
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19 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ARKANSAS:
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21 SECTION 1. DO NOT CODIFY. TEMPORARY LANGUAGE.

22 (a) As used in this section, "spaceport" means an installation and
23 related facilities utilized for the takeoff, landing, retrieval, servicing,
24 and monitoring of vehicles capable of entering space.

25 (b) The Arkansas Economic Development Commission shall conduct a study
26 to determine the feasibility of developing a spaceport in Arkansas.

27 (c) The feasibility study shall include an assessment of:

28 (1) The spaceport recommendations included in the final report
29 issued by the Arkansas Council on Future Mobility in December 2022;

30 (2) The potential market for a spaceport, including without
31 limitation:

32 (A) Analysis of the demand and interest in developing a
33 spaceport; and

34 (B) Proposed locations for a spaceport;

35 (3) Organization and technological requirements, including
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1 without limitation:

2 (A) A study of qualifications needed to operate a
3 spaceport;

4 (B) Special technology and equipment needed for startup
5 and maintenance;

6 (C) Workforce requirements; and

7 (D) Necessary financial investing in the aerospace
8 industry; and

9 (4) Financial and economic analysis, including without
10 limitation:

11 (A) An assessment of startup costs and operating costs;

12 (B) The potential revenue projections;

13 (C) The possible funding sources; and

14 (D) The likely potential economic impact on the state.

15 (c) If funding is available, the feasibility study shall be completed
16 no later than January 1, 2024.

17 (d) After completion of the feasibility study, the commission shall
18 submit a feasibility report that includes the commission's recommendations
19 concerning the development of a spaceport in Arkansas to the:

20 (A) Governor;

21 (B) Arkansas Department of Transportation; and

22 (C) Legislative Council.

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