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97TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

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TERRY L. SPIELER, Secretary.

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AN ACT

To repeal section 305.230, RSMo, and to enact in lieu thereof one new section relating to the state aviation trust fund.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Section 305.230, RSMo, is repealed and one new section
2 enacted in lieu thereof, to be known as section 305.230, to read as follows:

305.230. 1. The state highways and transportation commission shall
2 administer an aeronautics program within this state. The commission shall
3 encourage, foster and participate with the political subdivisions of this state in
4 the promotion and development of aeronautics. The commission may provide
5 financial assistance in the form of grants from funds appropriated for such
6 purpose to any political subdivision or instrumentality of this state acting
7 independently or jointly or to the owner or owners of any privately owned airport
8 designated as a reliever by the Federal Aviation Administration for the planning,
9 acquisition, construction, improvement or maintenance of airports, or for other
10 aeronautical purposes.

11 2. Any political subdivision or instrumentality of this state or the owner
12 or owners of any privately owned airport designated as a reliever by the Federal
13 Aviation Administration receiving state funds for the purchase, construction, or
14 improvement, except maintenance, of an airport shall agree before any funds are
15 paid to it to control by ownership or lease the airport for a period equal to the
16 useful life of the project as determined by the commission following the last
17 payment of state or federal funds to it. In the event an airport authority ceases
18 to exist for any reason, this obligation shall be carried out by the governing body
19 which created the authority.

EXPLANATION—Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets [thus] in this bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

20 3. Unless otherwise provided, grants to political subdivisions,
21 instrumentalities or to the owner or owners of any privately owned airport
22 designated as a reliever by the Federal Aviation Administration shall be made
23 from the aviation trust fund. In making grants, the commission shall consider
24 whether the local community has given financial support to the airport in the
25 past. Priority shall be given to airports with local funding for the past five years
26 with no reduction in such funding. The aviation trust fund is a revolving trust
27 fund exempt from the provisions of section 33.080 relating to the transfer of funds
28 to the general revenue funds of the state by the state treasurer. All interest
29 earned upon the balance in the aviation trust fund shall be deposited to the credit
30 of the same fund.

31 4. The moneys in the aviation trust fund shall be administered by the
32 commission and, when appropriated, shall be used for the following purposes:

33 (1) As matching funds on an up to ninety percent state/ten percent local
34 basis, except in the case where federal funds are being matched, when the ratio
35 of state and local funds used to match the federal funds shall be fifty percent
36 state/fifty percent local:

37 (a) For preventive maintenance of runways, taxiways and aircraft parking
38 areas, and for emergency repairs of the same;

39 (b) For the acquisition of land for the development and improvement of
40 airports;

41 (c) For the earthwork and drainage necessary for the construction,
42 reconstruction or repair of runways, taxiways, and aircraft parking areas;

43 (d) For the construction, or restoration of runways, taxiways, or aircraft
44 parking areas;

45 (e) For the acquisition of land or easements necessary to satisfy Federal
46 Aviation Administration safety requirements;

47 (f) For the identification, marking or removal of natural or manmade
48 obstructions to airport control zone surfaces and safety areas;

49 (g) For the installation of runway, taxiway, boundary, ramp, or
50 obstruction lights, together with any work directly related to the electrical
51 equipment;

52 (h) For the erection of fencing on or around the perimeter of an airport;

53 (i) For purchase, installation or repair of air navigational and landing aid
54 facilities and communication equipment;

55 (j) For engineering related to a project funded under the provisions of this

56 section and technical studies or consultation related to aeronautics;

57 (k) For airport planning projects including master plans and site selection
58 for development of new airports, for updating or establishing master plans [and],
59 airport layout plans, **airport business plans, and strategic plans** at existing
60 airports;

61 (l) For the purchase, installation, or repair of safety equipment and such
62 other capital improvements and equipment as may be required for the safe and
63 efficient operation of the airport;

64 (m) If at least [six] **four million five hundred thousand** dollars is
65 deposited into the aviation trust fund in the previous calendar year, [up to two
66 million dollars may be expended annually upon] **funds may be spent for** the
67 study or promotion of expanded domestic or international scheduled commercial
68 service, the study or promotion of intrastate scheduled commercial service, **the**
69 **promotion of aviation in the state**, or to assist airport sponsors participating
70 in a federally funded air service program supporting intrastate scheduled
71 commercial service, **subject to the following provisions:**

72 **a. No more than two million dollars may be spent from the**
73 **aviation trust fund for the purposes provided in this paragraph in any**
74 **calendar year; and**

75 **b. The commission shall be required to expend at least four**
76 **million dollars of the annual, calendar year deposits into the aviation**
77 **trust fund for purposes other than the purposes described in this**
78 **paragraph;**

79 (2) As total funds, with no local match:

80 (a) For providing air markers, windsocks, and other items determined to
81 be in the interest of the safety of the general flying public;

82 (b) For the printing and distribution of state aeronautical charts and state
83 airport directories on an annual basis, and a newsletter on a quarterly basis or
84 the publishing and distribution of any public interest information deemed
85 necessary by the commission;

86 (c) For the conducting of aviation safety workshops;

87 (d) For the promotion of aerospace education;

88 (3) As total funds with no local match, up to five hundred thousand
89 dollars per year may be used for the cost of operating existing air traffic control
90 towers that do not receive funding from the Federal Aviation Administration or
91 the United States Department of Defense, except no more than one hundred

92 sixty-seven thousand dollars per year may be used for any individual control
93 tower;

94 (4) As total funds with a local match, up to five hundred thousand dollars
95 per year may be used for air traffic control towers partially funded by the federal
96 government under a cost-share program. Any expenditures under this program
97 require a nonfederal match, comprised of a ratio of fifty percent state and fifty
98 percent local funds. No more than one hundred thousand dollars per year may
99 be expended for any individual control tower.

100 5. In the event of a natural or manmade disaster which closes any runway
101 or renders inoperative any electronic or visual landing aid at an airport, any
102 funds appropriated for the purpose of capital improvements or maintenance of
103 airports may be made immediately available for necessary repairs once they are
104 approved by the commission. For projects designated as emergencies by the
105 commission, all requirements relating to normal procurement of engineering and
106 construction services are waived.

107 6. As used in this section, the term "instrumentality of the state" shall
108 mean any state educational institution as defined in section 176.010 or any state
109 agency which owned or operated an airport on January 1, 1997, and continues to
110 own or operate such airport.

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