

House Bill 156 (COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE)

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT

1 To amend Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general  
2 provisions relative to aviation, so as to provide the Department of Transportation with  
3 authority over vertiports; to provide for definitions; to provide for related matters; to repeal  
4 conflicting laws; and for other purposes.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF GEORGIA:

6 style="text-align:center">**SECTION 1.**

7 Chapter 1 of Title 6 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated, relating to general provisions  
8 relative to aviation, is amended by revising Code Section 6-1-1, relating to powers and duties  
9 of Department of Transportation — Aviation and aviation facilities generally, as follows:  
10 "6-1-1.

11 (a) As used in this title, the term:

12 (1) 'Landing field' shall include a vertiport.

13 (2) 'Vertiport' means an area specifically designated and primarily used for the landing,  
14 takeoff, and servicing of aircraft with a maximum takeoff weight of greater than 1,320  
15 pounds that is capable of vertical takeoff and landing.

16 (b) The Department of Transportation shall have the following powers and duties:

- 17 (1) To plan for and establish a long-term policy in regard to the establishment,  
18 development, and maintenance of aviation, landing fields, and aviation facilities in ~~the~~  
19 this state;
- 20 (2) To promote and encourage the use of aviation facilities of the state for air commerce  
21 in ~~the~~ this state and between the state, other states, and foreign countries;
- 22 (3) To cooperate, counsel, and advise with the State Transportation Board in regard to  
23 the planning, construction, development, and maintenance of airports, landing fields, and  
24 air navigation facilities in ~~the~~ this state;
- 25 (4) To cooperate, counsel, and advise with municipalities and other political subdivisions  
26 of the state and with other departments, boards, bureaus, commissions, agencies, or  
27 establishments, whether federal, state, or local, or public or private, for the purpose of  
28 promoting and obtaining coordination in the planning for and in the establishment of  
29 development, maintenance, and protection of a system of air routes, airports, landing  
30 fields, and other aviation facilities in ~~the~~ this state."

31 **SECTION 2.**

32 All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Act are repealed.