FINAL BILL REPORT HB 1866

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Synopsis as Enacted

Brief Description: Revising certain aeronautics statutes.

Sponsors: Representatives Elliot, K. Schmidt and Benton.

House Committee on Transportation Senate Committee on Transportation

Background: The Aviation Division of the Department of Transportation inspects airports and offers airport operators technical advice on construction, repairs and lighting. The division also establishes standards for constructing airports and participating in air search and rescue activities and conducting accident investigations.

Summary of Bill: The Aviation Division of the Department of Transportation is responsible for conducting and managing air search and rescue missions.

A section in statute relating to the Civil Air Patrol and the department's authority to contract with the patrol is repealed. The repeal does not affect either the patrol's ability to search and rescue or the department's ability to pay the patrol's pilots.

When deciding which structures are safety hazards, the division may consider obstacles near airports and runway departure and approach areas as defined by federal air regulations.

Votes on Final Passage:

House	96	0
Senate	47	0

Effective: July 23, 1995