

## **State Would Take Over Naming of Florida’s Biggest Airports, Including Renaming Palm Beach International**

**HB 919 – Rep. Meg Weinberger (SB 706 – Sen. Debbie Mayfield)**

### **General Bill Summary**

CS/CS/HB 919 passed both chambers and was ordered enrolled on February 19, 2026. The bill would preempt to the state the naming of “major commercial service airports,” defined as medium- or large-hub commercial airports under Federal Aviation Administration criteria. It would codify the names of seven major commercial service airports in Florida, keeping the current names for Orlando, Miami, Fort Lauderdale-Hollywood, Tampa, Southwest Florida, and Jacksonville. It would also rename Palm Beach International Airport as “President Donald J. Trump International Airport,” subject to FAA approval and an agreement allowing Palm Beach County to use that name at no cost for airport branding and related purposes. The bill would require the Department of Transportation to review the list annually and notify legislative leaders if airports should be added or removed because of FAA status changes. Government records created on or after July 1, 2026, would have to use the names listed in the bill. The bill also states that airport names are branding designations only and do not create a new legal entity.

### **Potential County Impact**

The clearest county impact falls on counties that own or control major commercial service airports, especially Palm Beach County. The bill would remove local discretion over naming those airports and place that authority with the state, creating a direct preemption of local control in this area. Palm Beach County could face implementation costs tied to signage, branding, marketing, records updates, and other transition work associated with the required airport renaming. House staff analysis states the bill appears to have a negative local fiscal impact related to renaming Palm Beach International Airport. The bill does provide some implementation protections: it says counties do not have to amend existing agreements solely to update an airport name, do not have to contract in the airport’s branding name, and are considered compliant if they diligently pursue needed approvals and timely begin signage and branding changes after approvals are received. Counties operating other listed airports would also need to ensure government records created on or after July 1, 2026, use the statutory airport names.

### **Effective Date**

July 1, 2026.

### **Primary Statutory References**

- s. 332.0075, F.S.