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HOUSE BILL 1040

Short Title: Pitt-Greenville Airport Authority Changes. (Local)

Sponsors: Representatives Reeder and G. Brown (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Finance, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

April 23, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AMENDING THE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY OF THE PITT
3 COUNTY-CITY OF GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY AND UPDATING
4 CROSS-REFERENCES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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7 **REVISING THE APPROPRIATIONS AUTHORITY OF THE PITT COUNTY-CITY OF**
8 **GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

9 **SECTION 1.(a)** Section 4 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
10 rewritten:

11 "Sec. 4. The Authority shall prepare an annual budget setting forth the cost of operation and
12 maintenance of the airport and landing field. All anticipated revenues to be derived from the
13 operation of the airport and landing field shall be included in the budget. The budget shall be
14 delivered to the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City. The governing
15 body of the County and the governing body of the City are each ~~hereby~~ authorized to annually
16 appropriate and pay to the Authority ~~one-half of the~~ cost of operation and maintenance of the
17 airport and landing ~~field~~ field, in proportions jointly determined by the governing body of the
18 County and the governing body of the City. This appropriation and payment may be made from
19 revenues any of the following sources:

20 (1) Revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing ~~field, from~~
21 ~~funds~~ field.

22 (2) Funds derived from the sale of any land now or ~~heretofore~~ previously or
23 hereafter owned and used for landing field ~~purposes, or from any funds legally~~
24 ~~available therefor, provided, however, that no funds or revenues may be~~
25 ~~derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes unless a majority of the qualified~~
26 ~~voters in the respective County and City approve the same at an election called~~
27 ~~and held for said purpose.~~ purposes.

28 (3) Any other legally available funds."

29 **SECTION 1.(b)** Section 5 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
30 rewritten:

31 "Sec. 5. The Authority may, from time to time, prepare and submit to the governing body of
32 the County and the governing body of the City a plan or plans with respect to additional land
33 acquisition, additional construction, ~~enlargement or improvement to the airport and landing field~~
34 ~~or the further equipping thereof to the governing body of the County and the governing body of~~
35 ~~the City.~~ enlargement, or improvement to or further equipping of the airport and landing field.



1 Acquisition of additional land for the use and benefit of the Authority requires the approval of
 2 the governing body of the County and the governing body of the City after a public hearing
 3 conducted at a regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body of the County and the
 4 governing body of the City. The governing body of the County and the governing body of the
 5 City are each hereby authorized to acquire the additional land and to appropriate and pay to the
 6 Authority one-half of the cost of the additional construction, enlargement and improvement to
 7 the airport and landing field and the further equipping thereof, additional construction,
 8 enlargement, or improvement to or further equipping of the airport and landing field, in
 9 proportions jointly determined by the governing body of the County and the governing body of
 10 the City. This appropriation and payment may be made from revenues any of the following
 11 sources:

- 12 (1) Revenues derived from the operation of the airport and landing field, from
 13 funds field.
 14 (2) Funds derived from the sale of any land now or heretofore previously or
 15 hereafter owned and used for landing field purposes, from any funds legally
 16 available therefor, or from the proceeds purposes.
 17 (3) Proceeds of bonds issued pursuant to Section 6 of this Act, provided, however,
 18 that no funds or revenues may be derived from the levy of ad valorem taxes
 19 nor may bonds be issued unless a majority of the qualified voters in the
 20 respective County and City approve the same at an election called and held
 21 for said purpose. Act.
 22 (4) Any other legally available funds."

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 24 **CONFORMING CROSS-REFERENCES WITHIN THE CREATION OF THE PITT**
 25 **COUNTY-CITY OF GREENVILLE AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

26 **SECTION 2.(a)** Section 6 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
 27 rewritten:

28 "Sec. 6. The County and the City, ~~severally are hereby~~ City are each authorized to issue their
 29 notes, ~~bonds bonds,~~ or other certificates of indebtedness to pay as their share, ~~one-half of share~~
 30 of the cost of acquiring or grading real property to be jointly owned by the County and the City
 31 for any airport or landing field to be constructed, enlarged, improved, maintained, equipped
 32 equipped, or operated by the Authority, and of grading of such real property, and Authority;
 33 constructing suitable drainage facilities suitable therefor, and constructing or reconstructing
 34 facilities; constructing, reconstructing, or enlarging buildings or buildings; acquiring or installing
 35 equipment equipment; or making other improvements necessary or suitable for the maintenance
 36 or operation of such the airport, landing field, or airport facilities and to pay said obligations and
 37 the interest thereon, facilities. The County and the City are each authorized to pay for these
 38 obligations and the interest thereon by levying ad valorem taxes in an amount sufficient to pay
 39 said obligations and the interest thereon when due, provided a majority of the qualified voters in
 40 the respective County and City approve the same at an election called and held for any or all of
 41 said purposes. Such bonds if issued by the County shall be issued pursuant to and within
 42 limitations prescribed by Article 9 of Chapter 153 of the General Statutes, constituting the County
 43 Finance Act, and such bonds if issued by the City shall be issued pursuant to and within the
 44 limitations prescribed by Subchapter III of Chapter 160 of the General Statutes, constituting the
 45 Municipal Finance Act. Each of said purposes is hereby determined to be a special purpose within
 46 the meaning of Section 6 of Article V of the Constitution of North Carolina and a special approval
 47 of the General Assembly is hereby given to the issuance of such obligations by the County or the
 48 City for any of said purposes and for the levy of taxes for the payment of such obligations and
 49 the interest thereon taxes. Bonds issued under this section shall be issued pursuant to the Local
 50 Government Bond Act, Article 4 of Chapter 159 of the General Statutes."

1 **SECTION 2.(b)** Section 11 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
2 rewritten:

3 "Sec. 11. The Authority shall have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations for
4 the safety zoning of the airport and landing field, including the power to regulate the height of
5 buildings, towers, ~~trees-trees,~~ and other obstructions within a reasonable ~~radius thereof, radius,~~
6 in order to comply with any rules and regulations of the ~~Civil Aeronautics Board, the Federal~~
7 ~~Aviation Agency, Federal Aviation Administration~~ or other successor federal agency relating
8 thereto. The Authority shall also have the authority to adopt reasonable rules and regulations in
9 accordance with the Model Airport Zoning Act as provided in Section ~~63-29-63-30~~ through ~~63-37~~
10 63-37.1 of the General Statutes of North Carolina and shall have the authority to institute an
11 action in any court of competent jurisdiction seeking enforcement of the rules and regulations as
12 provided in Section 63-35 of the General Statutes of North Carolina."

13 **SECTION 2.(c)** Section 13 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
14 rewritten:

15 "Sec. 13. The Authority shall have exclusive jurisdiction, control, ~~supervision-supervision,~~
16 and management over an airport, landing field, or adjoining grounds acquired under the
17 provisions of and for the purposes set out in this Act whether owned by the County or City. The
18 Authority shall have the right and is ~~hereby empowered, empowered~~ to spend ~~such the funds as~~
19 ~~that~~ are appropriated and contributed from time to time by the County and City jointly or
20 severally for airport ~~purposes-purposes,~~ and is empowered to enter into contracts and pledge the
21 credit of the Authority to the extent of the money appropriated and contributed by the County
22 and City for the purposes enumerated. The Authority is also empowered to spend or use funds
23 and revenue derived from the operation of the airport and all ~~facilities-connected therewith-~~
24 connected facilities. The Authority shall have authority to deal and contract with the ~~Civil~~
25 ~~Aeronautics Board, the Federal Aviation Agency-Federal Aviation Administration~~ or any
26 successor agency of the United States or any other representative or agency of the United States
27 relative to the acquiring, grading, constructing, equipping, improving, ~~maintaining-maintaining,~~
28 and operating of an airport or landing field established or acquired by the County and City under
29 the authority of this Act."

30 **SECTION 2.(d)** Section 16 of Chapter 571 of the Session Laws of 1967 reads as
31 rewritten:

32 "Sec. 16. A member of the Authority shall not be considered a public officer or as a person
33 holding office within the meaning of ~~Article XIV, Section 7, Article VI, Section 9,~~ of the
34 Constitution of North Carolina. Any public officer of the County or the City who may be
35 appointed as a member of the Authority shall serve ex officio as a part of his duty as a public
36 officer of said County or City."

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38 **EFFECTIVE DATE**

39 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.