



House of Representatives

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House Bill No. 7143

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The Committee on Transportation reported through REP. LEMAR of the 96th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED-NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 15-120j of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

3 (a) The authority shall maintain and improve Tweed-New Haven
4 Airport as an important economic development asset for the south
5 central Connecticut region which is comprised of the towns and cities
6 of Bethany, Branford, East Haven, Guilford, Hamden, Madison,
7 Milford, New Haven, North Branford, North Haven, Orange,
8 Wallingford, West Haven and Woodbridge. The authority shall have
9 the following powers and duties and may exercise such powers in its
10 own name: (1) To manage, maintain, supervise and operate Tweed-
11 New Haven Airport; (2) to do all things necessary to maintain working
12 relationships with the state, municipalities and persons, and conduct
13 the business of a regional airport, in accordance with applicable
14 statutes and regulations; (3) to charge reasonable fees for the services it

15 performs and modify, reduce or increase such fees, provided fees shall
16 apply uniformly to all airport users; (4) to enter into contracts, leases
17 and agreements for goods and equipment and for services with
18 airlines, concessions, counsel, engineers, architects, private consultants
19 and advisors; (5) to contract for the construction, reconstruction,
20 enlargement or alteration of airport projects with private persons and
21 firms in accordance with such terms and conditions as the authority
22 shall determine; (6) to make plans and conduct studies in conjunction
23 with the Federal Aviation Administration or other state or federal
24 agencies; (7) to apply for and receive grant funds for airport purposes;
25 (8) to plan and enter into contracts with municipalities, the state,
26 businesses and other entities to finance the operations and debt of the
27 airport, including compensation to the host municipalities of New
28 Haven and East Haven for the use of the land occupied by the airport;
29 (9) to borrow funds for airport purposes for such consideration and
30 upon such terms as the authority may determine to be reasonable; (10)
31 to employ a staff necessary to carry out its functions and purposes and
32 fix the duties, compensation and benefits of such staff; (11) to issue and
33 sell bonds and to use the proceeds of such bonds for capital
34 improvements to the airport; (12) to acquire property by purchase or
35 lease for airport purposes, subject to applicable requirements of federal
36 law and regulation; (13) to prepare and issue budgets, reports,
37 procedures, audits and such other materials as may be necessary and
38 desirable to its purposes; and (14) to exercise all other powers granted
39 to such an authority by law.

40 (b) The authority shall have full control of the operation and
41 management of the airport, including land, buildings and easements
42 by means of a lease to the authority by the city of New Haven and the
43 town of East Haven.

44 [(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsections (a) and (b) of this
45 section, Runway 2-20 of the airport shall not exceed the existing paved
46 runway length of five thousand six hundred linear feet.]

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-120j

TRA *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note

State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: See Below

Explanation

The bill eliminates the statutory restriction on the length of the runway at Tweed-New Haven airport. This does not result in a fiscal impact to the state because the airport is owned by the city of New Haven. To the extent the runway is extended, there may be an increased value to the airport as an asset of New Haven.

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State Impact: None

Municipal Impact: None



OLR Bill Analysis

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AN ACT CONCERNING THE LENGTH OF RUNWAY 2-20 AT TWEED-NEW HAVEN AIRPORT.

SUMMARY

This bill eliminates the statutory restriction on the length of Runaway 2-20 at Tweed-New Haven airport. Current law prohibits this runway from exceeding its current length of 5,600 linear feet.

The bill also makes technical changes.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

COMMITTEE ACTION

Transportation Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 33 Nay 3 (03/20/2019)