



General Assembly

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***Raised Bill No. 7143***

LCO No. 3732



Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:  
(TRA)

***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 Section 15-120j of the general statutes is repealed and the  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:		
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	15-120j
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**Statement of Purpose:**

To eliminate the restriction on the length of Runway 2-20 at Tweed-New Haven Airport.

*[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]*