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Referred to Committee on TRANSPORTATION

Introduced by:
(TRA)

***AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE
CONNECTICUT AIRPORT AUTHORITY.***

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

1 Section 1. Section 13b-39a of the general statutes is repealed and the
2 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

3 [(a) The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority shall
4 establish a program of registration for all aircraft in the state, in
5 accordance with which the] The owner of any aircraft, as defined in
6 subdivision (5) of section 15-34, which is based or primarily used at any
7 airport facility, heliport, air navigation facility, restricted landing area
8 or seaplane base in a municipality within this state shall, not later than
9 October 1, 1993, and annually thereafter, be required to register with the
10 municipality in which such aircraft is based or primarily used, by filing
11 an application form, or renewal thereof, and paying the appropriate
12 registration fee, as provided for in section 12-71, this section and section
13 13b-39b, as amended by this act. The owner of any aircraft which is
14 based or primarily used at any such air navigation facility or restricted
15 landing area in this state shall register such aircraft not later than July 1,

16 1994, and annually thereafter not later than the first of October. Any
17 aircraft shall be deemed to be based or primarily used in a municipality
18 when in the normal course of its use, it leaves from and returns to or
19 remains at one or more points within the municipality more often or
20 longer than at any other single location outside of the municipality.

21 [(b) The executive director, subject to the provisions of section 1-121,
22 shall adopt such rules and procedures as deemed necessary by said
23 executive director to implement the provisions of section 12-71, this
24 section and sections 13b-39b to 13b-39g, inclusive.]

25 Sec. 2. Section 13b-39b of the general statutes is repealed and the
26 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

27 The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority shall
28 prepare and distribute to each municipality in which aircraft are based
29 or primarily used, forms and decals for the registration of aircraft and
30 the renewal of such registrations. [The registration forms shall contain
31 such information as the authority may prescribe, including, but not
32 limited to, information concerning (1) the form and identity of
33 ownership, including information as to whether such ownership is by
34 an individual, partnership, corporation or other entity, (2) the type of
35 aircraft, including the year of manufacture, the manufacturer, the model
36 and the certified gross weight, (3) the Federal Aviation Certificate
37 number, and (4) the location at which such aircraft is based or primarily
38 used in this state.] Each municipality shall designate a municipal
39 registration official who may be an official or employee of the
40 municipality or of any airport facility, heliport or seaplane base located
41 within the municipality, to utilize the information obtained pursuant to
42 section 13a-49a and perform the duties of registration of aircraft as set
43 forth in sections 13b-39a to 13b-39g, inclusive, as amended by this act,
44 and shall furnish to the executive director, in writing, the name, address
45 and telephone number of each such official. The municipality shall
46 immediately notify the executive director upon any changes relative to
47 the municipal registration official.

48 Sec. 3. Section 13b-39d of the general statutes is repealed and the
49 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

50 The owner shall pay a fee to the municipal registration official for
51 each aircraft so numbered or registered in accordance with the
52 following schedule:

T1	Gross Weight (lbs.)	Fee
T2	Less than 3,000	\$90.00
T3	3,001 - 4,500	250.00
T4	4,501 - 8,000	700.00
T5	8,001 - 12,500	1,500.00
T6	12,501 and over	2,500.00

53 Aircraft manufactured before 1946 shall pay the lesser of one
54 hundred dollars or the fee as required on the basis of gross weight as set
55 forth in this section. [The executive director may establish, by
56 procedures adopted in accordance with the provisions of section 1-121,
57 a uniform schedule for the expiration and renewal of registrations and
58 may prorate the fees in this section accordingly.] Any person or firm that
59 acquires ownership of an aircraft shall obtain a new registration in the
60 name of such owner within thirty days of the date of such acquisition,
61 provided no additional registration fee shall be payable in cases where
62 one or more new ownership interests are being added to the registration
63 or in cases of legal change of name of the registrant. All registrations
64 shall be renewed within thirty days of the date of expiration as stated in
65 the certificate. If a valid certificate or number decal is lost, mutilated or
66 destroyed, the aircraft owner shall notify the municipal registration
67 official within fifteen days, and such owner shall be issued a duplicate
68 certificate or number decal upon payment of a fee of five dollars.

69 Sec. 4. Section 13b-39g of the general statutes is repealed and the
70 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

71 Each municipality which issues and renews registrations for aircraft
72 in accordance with this section and sections 13b-39a to [13b-39g] 13b-

73 39f, inclusive, as amended by this act, may retain for its own use and
74 purposes, as a grant in lieu of property taxes, all revenue received from
75 the receipt of aircraft registration fees. [Each] On or before February 1,
76 2024, and annually thereafter, each such [participating] municipality
77 shall furnish the executive director with [such reports] a report
78 concerning [the total amount of fees received pursuant to sections 12-71
79 and 13b-39a to 13b-39g, inclusive,] the number of registrations issued,
80 the names of registrants and the descriptions of aircraft registered
81 during the preceding calendar year.

82 Sec. 5. Section 13b-50 of the general statutes is repealed and the
83 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

84 (a) The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority is
85 authorized to cooperate with the government of the United States or any
86 agency or department thereof in the acquisition, construction,
87 improvement, maintenance and operation of airports, heliports, landing
88 fields and other aeronautical facilities in this state where federal
89 financial aid is received and to comply with the provisions of the laws
90 of the United States and any regulations made thereunder for the
91 expenditure of federal moneys upon such airports, heliports and
92 facilities. The executive director is authorized to accept, receive and
93 receipt for federal or other moneys for and on behalf of this state or any
94 political subdivision thereof for the acquisition, construction,
95 improvement, maintenance and operation of facilities within this state.
96 All moneys accepted for disbursement by the executive director
97 pursuant to this subsection shall be [deposited in the state treasury and]
98 disbursed in accordance with the provisions of the respective grants.

99 (b) Any municipality is authorized to accept, receive and receipt for
100 federal moneys and other moneys, either public or private, for the
101 acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance,
102 equipment or operation of airports and other air navigation facilities
103 and sites therefor and to comply with the provisions of the laws of the
104 United States and any rules and regulations made thereunder for the
105 expenditure of federal moneys upon such airports and facilities. No

106 municipality shall submit to the administrator of civil aeronautics of the
107 United States any project application under the provisions of Section
108 9(a) of Public Law 377, 79th Congress, or any amendment thereof, unless
109 the project and the project application have been approved by the
110 executive director.

111 (c) Any municipality is authorized to designate by ordinance the
112 executive director as its agent to accept, receive and receipt for federal
113 moneys in its behalf for airport purposes and to contract for the
114 acquisition, construction, enlargement, improvement, maintenance,
115 equipment or operation of such airports or other air navigation facilities,
116 and may enter into an agreement with the executive director prescribing
117 the terms and conditions of such agency in accordance with federal
118 laws, rules and regulations and applicable laws of this state. Such
119 moneys as are paid by the United States government shall be paid to
120 such municipality under such terms and conditions as may be imposed
121 by the United States in making such grant.

122 (d) All contracts for the acquisition, construction, enlargement,
123 improvement, maintenance, equipment or operation of airports or other
124 air navigation facilities, made by the municipality itself or through the
125 executive director, shall be made pursuant to the laws of this state
126 governing the making of like contracts; provided, where such
127 acquisition, construction, improvement, enlargement, maintenance,
128 equipment or operation is financed wholly or partly with federal
129 moneys, the municipality, or the executive director as its agent, may let
130 contracts in the manner prescribed by the federal authorities, acting
131 under the laws of the United States, and any rules or regulations made
132 thereunder, notwithstanding any other state law to the contrary.

133 (e) The executive director may render financial assistance by grant of
134 funds to any municipality or municipalities acting jointly in the
135 planning, acquisition, construction or improvement of an airport owned
136 or controlled, or to be owned or controlled, by such municipality or
137 municipalities, [, out of appropriations made by the General Assembly
138 for such purposes.] Such financial assistance may be furnished in

139 connection with federal or other financial aid for the same purposes for
140 not more than seventy-five per cent of the cost exclusive of federal aid.
141 The executive director may establish procedures to be followed in
142 granting funds under this subsection and may prescribe forms to be
143 used in connection therewith.

144 (f) The executive director may, whenever the executive director
145 considers such assistance desirable or feasible, make available
146 engineering and other technical services of the executive director, with
147 or without charge, to any municipality or owner of a commercial airport
148 requesting such services in connection with the planning, acquisition,
149 construction, improvement, maintenance or operation of airports or
150 aeronautical facilities.

151 (g) Any town, city or borough may lease any airport or contract for
152 any airport facilities or privileges from any person, firm or corporation,
153 municipal or private, operating a municipal or private airport in any
154 location which has been approved by the executive director.

155 Sec. 6. Section 13b-47 of the general statutes is repealed and the
156 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

157 (a) In determining whether to issue a certificate of approval or license
158 for the use or operation of any proposed [commercial] public use air
159 navigation facility, the executive director of the Connecticut Airport
160 Authority shall take into consideration (1) its proposed location, size
161 and layout, (2) its relationship to any comprehensive plan for state-wide
162 and nation-wide development, (3) the availability of areas suitable for
163 safe future expansion, (4) the freedom of adjoining areas from
164 obstructions based on a proper glide ratio, (5) the nature of the terrain
165 and of the uses to which the proposed [airport] facility will be put, and
166 (6) the possibilities for future development. Prior to the issuance of a
167 certificate of approval, license or license renewal, each proposed public
168 use air navigation facility and public use air navigation facility shall
169 provide documentation to the authority, in such form as the executive
170 director may prescribe, that the factors described in subdivisions (1) to

171 (6), inclusive, of this subsection demonstrate that such facility will
172 provide or currently provides for safe aircraft operations.

173 (b) In determining whether to issue a certificate of approval or license
174 for the use or operation of any proposed private use air navigation
175 facility, the executive director shall take into consideration: (1) Its
176 proposed location, size and layout; (2) the freedom of adjacent areas
177 from obstructions based on a proper glide ratio; (3) the nature of the
178 terrain and the uses to which the proposed air navigation facility will be
179 put; (4) the type of equipment to be utilized and the flight experience of
180 the operator; (5) the amount of noise to be produced at such facility; and
181 (6) such other factors as the executive director deems appropriate. Prior
182 to the issuance of a certificate of approval, license or license renewal,
183 each proposed private use air navigation facility and private use air
184 navigation facility shall provide documentation to the authority, in such
185 form as the executive director may prescribe, that the factors described
186 in subdivisions (1) to (6), inclusive, of this subsection demonstrate that
187 such facility will provide or currently provides for safe aircraft
188 operations.

189 Sec. 7. Section 13b-49a of the general statutes is repealed and the
190 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

191 (a) Not later than July thirty-first annually, the owner or operator of
192 any airport, heliport, restricted landing area, seaplane base or other air
193 navigation facility licensed under the provisions of section 13b-46 shall
194 submit to the executive director and the municipality in which the
195 aircraft is based, the following information with respect to an aircraft
196 which is based or primarily used at such facility as of July first of such
197 year: (1) The [name] identity and address of the owner [thereof] and
198 form of ownership, including information as to whether the owner is an
199 individual, partnership, corporation or other entity; (2) the type of
200 aircraft, including the year of manufacture, the manufacturer, the model
201 and the certified gross weight; and (3) the Federal Aviation Aircraft
202 Registration number. [The executive director shall forward such
203 information to the municipality in which an aircraft is based.]

204 (b) The executive director, after notice and opportunity for hearing,
205 may suspend or revoke the license of any such facility in the event the
206 owner or operator thereof knowingly or intentionally fails to comply
207 with the provisions of subsection (a) of this section.

208 Sec. 8. Section 13b-50a of the general statutes is repealed and the
209 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

210 The following initiatives shall be established to preserve
211 Connecticut's licensed privately owned, publicly used airports which
212 have a paved runway and a minimum of five thousand operations per
213 year: (1) The state shall have the right of first refusal to purchase, via fair
214 market value and state property acquisition procedures, an airport, if
215 that airport is threatened with sale or closure, for the express purpose of
216 preserving the airport; (2) the executive director may acquire the
217 development rights, based on fair market value for such rights, of such
218 airports, provided the airport remains a public airport; (3) the state
219 [shall] may fund capital improvements to private airports, in which case
220 the state [shall participate in] may fund no more than ninety per cent of
221 the eligible costs and the balance by the sponsor, with budget and
222 priorities to be determined by the executive director, and engineering in
223 accordance with Federal Aviation Administration Advisory Circulars;
224 and (4) the establishment of a new airport zoning category for the
225 airport's imaginary surfaces as defined by Federal Aviation Regulations
226 and a program to mitigate noise in airport neighborhoods in which the
227 noise exceeds applicable Federal Aviation Administration standards.
228 Such program may be combined with existing energy conservation
229 programs. Funding for such program shall be from available federal
230 resources.

231 Sec. 9. Section 15-44 of the general statutes is repealed and the
232 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

233 The executive director [, and] of the Connecticut Airport Authority,
234 aeronautics inspectors of the authority, [and] each state, county and
235 municipal officer charged with the enforcement of state and municipal

236 laws and each special police officer, appointed under section 29-19, shall
237 enforce and assist in the enforcement of this chapter and of all
238 regulations made pursuant thereto, and of all other laws of this state
239 relating to aeronautics.

240 Sec. 10. Subsection (a) of section 15-76 of the general statutes is
241 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
242 *2023*):

243 (a) The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority, any
244 employee of the authority, any officer attached to an organized police
245 department, any state police officer or any constable, within his or her
246 precinct, upon discovery of any aircraft apparently abandoned, whether
247 situated within or without any airport or landing field in this state, shall
248 take such aircraft into custody and may cause the same to be taken to
249 and stored in a suitable place. All charges necessarily incurred by such
250 person in the performance of such duty shall be a lien upon such aircraft.
251 The owner or keeper of any hangar or other place where such aircraft is
252 stored shall have a lien upon the same for storage charges. If such
253 aircraft has been so stored for a period of ninety days, such owner or
254 keeper may sell the same at public auction for cash, at such owner's or
255 keeper's place of business, and apply the avails of such sale toward the
256 payment of such owner's or keeper's charges and the payment of any
257 debt or obligation incurred by the person who placed the same in
258 storage, provided such sale shall be advertised three times in a
259 newspaper published or having a circulation in the town where such
260 hangar or other place is located, such advertisement to commence at
261 least five days before such sale; and, if the last place of abode of the
262 owner of such aircraft is known to or may be ascertained by such hangar
263 owner or keeper by the exercise of reasonable diligence, notice of the
264 time and place of sale shall be given such owner by mailing such notice
265 to the owner in a registered or certified letter, postage paid, at such last
266 usual place of abode, at least five days before the time of sale. The
267 proceeds of such sale, after deducting the amount due such hangar
268 owner or keeper and all expenses connected with such sale, including
269 the expenses of the officer who placed such aircraft in storage, shall be

270 paid to the owner of such aircraft or the owner's legal representatives, if
271 claimed by such owner or representatives, at any time within one year
272 from the date of such sale. If such balance is not claimed within [said]
273 such period, it shall escheat to the [state] authority.

274 Sec. 11. Section 15-90 of the general statutes is repealed and the
275 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective October 1, 2023*):

276 [The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority is
277 directed to] Each publicly owned airport owner or operator shall
278 formulate and adopt, and [from time to time as may be] revise as
279 necessary, [revise,] an airport approach plan. [for each publicly owned
280 airport in the state.] Each such plan shall indicate the circumstances in
281 which structures or trees or both are or would be airport hazards, the
282 area within which measures for the protection of the airport's aerial
283 approaches should be taken and what the height limits and other
284 objectives of such measures should be. In adopting or revising any such
285 plan, [the executive director] such owner or operator shall consider,
286 among other things, the character of the flying operations expected to
287 be conducted at the airport, the nature of the terrain, the height of
288 existing structures and trees above the level of the airport, the
289 practicability of lowering or removing existing obstructions and all
290 other material matters. [, and the executive director] Such owner or
291 operator may obtain and consider the views of the agency of the federal
292 government charged with the fostering of civil aeronautics as to the
293 aerial approaches necessary to safe flying operations at the airport.

294 Sec. 12. Section 15-101m of the general statutes is repealed and the
295 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

296 [(a)] Subject to the provisions of the general statutes and resolution
297 authorizing the issuance of bonds pursuant to subsection (a) of section
298 15-101l, the [Commissioner of Transportation is authorized to] executive
299 director of the Connecticut Airport Authority shall fix, revise, charge
300 and collect rates, rents, fees and charges for the use of and for the
301 services furnished or to be furnished by the facilities of Bradley

302 International Airport and to contract with any person, partnership,
303 association or corporation, or other body, public or private, in respect
304 thereof. [except that, the commissioner shall not impose any fee, charge
305 or commission on the gross revenues of off-airport parking operators
306 for the right to access said airport that exceeds five per cent of such gross
307 revenues for calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 1997, and
308 prior to July 1, 1998, and four per cent of such gross revenues for
309 calendar quarters commencing on or after July 1, 1998.] Such rates, rents,
310 fees and charges shall be fixed and adjusted in respect of the aggregate
311 of rates, rents, fees and charges from the operation of Bradley
312 International Airport so as to provide funds sufficient with other
313 revenues or moneys available therefor, if any, (1) to pay the cost of
314 maintaining, repairing and operating the facilities of Bradley
315 International Airport and each and every portion thereof, to the extent
316 that the payment of such cost has not otherwise been adequately
317 provided for, (2) to pay the principal of and the interest on any
318 outstanding revenue obligations of the state or the authority issued in
319 respect of the project as the same shall become due and payable, and (3)
320 to create and maintain reserves and sinking funds required or provided
321 for in any resolution authorizing, or trust agreement securing, such
322 bonds. A sufficient amount of the revenues as may be necessary to pay
323 the cost of maintenance, repair and operation and to provide reserves
324 and for renewals, replacements, extensions, enlargements and
325 improvements as may be provided for in the resolution authorizing the
326 issuance of any bonds or in the trust agreement securing the same, shall
327 be set aside at such regular intervals as may be provided in such
328 resolution or trust agreement in a reserve, sinking or other similar fund
329 which is hereby pledged to, and charged with, the payment of the
330 principal of and the interest on such bonds as the same shall become
331 due, and the redemption price or the purchase price of bonds retired by
332 call or purchase as therein provided. The use and disposition of moneys
333 to the credit of such reserve, sinking or other similar fund shall be
334 subject to the provisions of the resolution authorizing the issuance of
335 such bonds or of such trust agreement.

336 [(b) The Department of Transportation shall designate the beginning
337 and ending dates of the fiscal year for the operation of Bradley
338 International Airport. Each year, within ninety days prior to the
339 beginning of the next ensuing fiscal year, the Department of
340 Transportation shall prepare and submit to the Secretary of the Office of
341 Policy and Management an annual operating budget for Bradley
342 International Airport for such fiscal year, providing for (1) payment of
343 the costs of maintaining, repairing and operating the facilities of Bradley
344 International Airport and each and every portion thereof during such
345 fiscal year, to the extent that the payment of such costs has not otherwise
346 been adequately provided for, (2) the payment of the principal of and
347 interest on any outstanding revenue obligations of the state issued in
348 respect of the project and becoming due and payable in such fiscal year
349 and (3) the creation and maintenance of reserves and sinking funds
350 required or provided for in any resolution authorizing, or trust
351 agreement securing, such bonds. Such annual operating budget shall
352 include an estimate of revenues from the rates, rents, fees and charges
353 fixed by the Department of Transportation pursuant to subsection (a),
354 and from any and all other sources, to meet the estimated expenditures
355 of Bradley International Airport for such fiscal year. Within thirty days
356 prior to the first day of such fiscal year the Secretary of the Office of
357 Policy and Management shall approve said annual operating budget,
358 with such changes, amendments, additions and deletions as shall be
359 agreed upon prior to that date by the Department of Transportation and
360 the Secretary of the Office of Policy and Management. The annual
361 operating budget of Bradley International Airport as so approved shall
362 take effect as of the date of its approval. On or before the twentieth day
363 of each month, including the month next preceding the first month of
364 the fiscal year to which the annual operating budget applies, the
365 Treasurer or the trustee under any trust indenture securing the bonds
366 issued under subsection (a) of section 15-101/ shall pay to the
367 Department of Transportation out of the funds available for such
368 purpose such amount as may be necessary to make the amount then
369 held by said department for the payment of operating expenses of
370 Bradley International Airport equal to such amount as shall be

371 necessary for the payment of such operating expenses during the next
372 ensuing two months, as shown by the annual operating budget for such
373 fiscal year. Except as otherwise provided in sections 15-101k to 15-101p,
374 inclusive, either expressly or by implication, all provisions of the general
375 statutes governing state employees and state property, and all other
376 provisions of the general statutes applicable to Bradley International
377 Airport, shall continue in effect. All pension, retirement or other similar
378 benefits vested or acquired at any time before or after July 1, 1981, with
379 respect to any state employees shall continue unaffected and as if the
380 salaries and wages of such employees continued to be paid out of the
381 general funds of the state.

382 (c) On the day the Department of Transportation submits an annual
383 operating budget for Bradley International Airport to the Secretary of
384 the Office of Policy and Management pursuant to subsection (b) of this
385 section, the department shall submit a copy of such budget to the joint
386 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
387 matters relating to appropriations and the budgets of state agencies,
388 through the legislative Office of Fiscal Analysis. Upon the approval of
389 the annual operating budget, the department shall submit a copy of the
390 budget as so approved to said joint standing committee, through the
391 Office of Fiscal Analysis.]

392 Sec. 13. Subsection (b) of section 15-120ii of the general statutes is
393 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
394 *2023*):

395 (b) The authority shall designate the beginning and ending dates of
396 the fiscal year for the operation of Bradley, the general aviation airports
397 and any other airports. [Each year, within thirty days prior to the
398 beginning of the next ensuing fiscal year, the] The authority shall
399 approve an annual operating budget for Bradley, the general aviation
400 airports and any other airports for each such fiscal year, providing for
401 (1) payment of the costs of maintaining, repairing and operating the
402 facilities of Bradley, the general aviation airports and any other airports
403 and each and every portion thereof during such fiscal year, to the extent

404 that the payment of such costs has not otherwise been adequately
405 provided for, (2) the payment of the principal of and interest on any
406 outstanding revenue obligations of the authority, including obligations
407 of the state that may be assumed by the authority, becoming due and
408 payable in such fiscal year, and (3) the creation and maintenance of
409 reserves and sinking funds, and compliance with rate covenants,
410 required, permitted or provided for in any resolution authorizing, or
411 trust agreement securing, such obligations. Such annual operating
412 budget shall include an estimate of revenues from the rates, rents, fees
413 and charges fixed by the authority pursuant to subsection (a) of this
414 section, and from any and all other sources, to meet the estimated
415 expenditures of Bradley, the general aviation airports and any other
416 airports for such fiscal year. The annual operating budget of Bradley,
417 the general aviation airports and any other airports as so approved shall
418 take effect as of the date of its approval. On or before the twentieth day
419 of each month, including the month next preceding the first month of
420 the fiscal year to which the annual operating budget applies, the
421 authority or the trustee under any trust indenture securing the bonds
422 issued under section 15-120ff, at the direction of the authority, shall
423 transfer to operating advance accounts established by the authority
424 from the funds available for such purpose such amount as may be
425 necessary to make the amount then held within such accounts for the
426 payment of operating expenses of Bradley, the general aviation airports
427 and any other airports equal to such amount as shall be necessary for
428 the payment of such operating expenses during the next ensuing two
429 months, as shown by the annual operating budget for such fiscal year.
430 Except as otherwise provided in sections 15-120aa to 15-120oo,
431 inclusive, either expressly or by implication, all provisions of the general
432 statutes governing state employees and state property, and all other
433 provisions of the general statutes applicable to Bradley, the general
434 aviation airports and any other airports, shall continue in effect. All
435 pension, retirement or other similar benefits vested or acquired at any
436 time before or after July 1, 1981, with respect to any state employees
437 shall continue unaffected and as if the salaries and wages of such
438 employees continued to be paid out of the general funds of the state.

439 Sec. 14. Subsection (d) of section 13b-97 of the general statutes is
440 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1,*
441 *2023*):

442 (d) Any person, association, limited liability company or corporation
443 which has obtained a certificate under subsection (a) of this section, after
444 providing proof that service has been active [, adequate within the
445 territory specified in such certificate] and in compliance with all relevant
446 statutes and regulations, [for a period of not less than two years since
447 such certificate was obtained,] may solicit, receive and discharge taxicab
448 passengers at Bradley International Airport, subject to formal
449 agreement with the [Commissioner of Transportation provided such
450 agreement shall not take precedence over its obligation to provide
451 taxicab service within the territory specified in such certificate]
452 executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority. Any such
453 person, association, limited liability company or corporation may
454 discharge taxicab passengers received at such airport within a territory
455 other than the territory specified in its certificate. The [commissioner]
456 executive director may charge and collect a reasonable fee from any
457 such person, association, limited liability company or corporation for
458 the privilege of solicitation of such passengers.

459 Sec. 15. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2023*) (a) No person shall operate,
460 nor any owner permit operation of, an aircraft based or hangered in this
461 state unless there is a liability insurance policy on such aircraft that
462 covers the owner and pilot for claims by passengers or other persons for
463 any injuries to such passengers or other persons or their property that
464 might arise out of the operation of such aircraft.

465 (b) The liability insurance shall provide coverage of at least (1) five
466 hundred thousand dollars for damages by reason of bodily injury or
467 death or for property damages per accident, and (2) one hundred
468 thousand dollars for damages by reason of bodily injury or death or for
469 property damages per passenger seat.

470 (c) Each owner or operator of an air navigation facility in the state

471 shall maintain a list of aircraft based or hangered at such air navigation
472 facility. Such list shall include for each such aircraft: (1) The registration
473 number, type and model of the aircraft, (2) the name and address of the
474 owner or operator of the aircraft, (3) the period of time the aircraft has
475 been based or hangered at the air navigation facility, (4) the liability
476 insurance policy or binder number, (5) the name of the insurance
477 company as shown on the liability insurance policy, and (6) the name of
478 the liability insurance agent or broker.

479 (d) The owner or operator of an aircraft based or hangered in the state
480 shall provide proof of aircraft liability insurance satisfying the coverage
481 required pursuant to this section upon request of the executive director
482 of the Connecticut Airport Authority, any official of the authority or a
483 law enforcement officer.

484 (e) The provisions of this section shall not apply to aircraft regulated
485 under 14 CFR 205, as amended from time to time.

486 Sec. 16. Section 15-120bb of the general statutes is repealed and the
487 following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2023*):

488 (a) There is hereby established and created a body politic and
489 corporate, constituting a public instrumentality and political
490 subdivision of the state of Connecticut established and created for the
491 performance of an essential public and governmental function, to be
492 known as the Connecticut Airport Authority. The authority shall not be
493 construed to be a department, institution or agency of the state.

494 (b) The powers of the authority shall be vested in and exercised by a
495 board of directors, which shall consist of eleven members, appointed as
496 follows: (1) (A) The Treasurer or the Treasurer's designee, (B) the
497 Commissioner of Transportation or the commissioner's designee, and
498 (C) the Commissioner of Economic and Community Development or
499 the commissioner's designee, each serving *ex officio*; (2) one appointed
500 by the speaker of the House of Representatives for a term of four years;
501 (3) one appointed by the minority leader of the House of
502 Representatives for a term of four years; (4) one appointed by the

503 president pro tempore of the Senate for a term of four years; and (5) one
504 appointed by the minority leader of the Senate for a term of four years.
505 Thereafter, such members of the General Assembly shall appoint
506 members of the board to succeed such appointees whose terms expire
507 and each member so appointed shall hold office for a period of four
508 years from the first day of July in the year of his or her appointment. The
509 Governor shall appoint four members to the board as follows: (A) Two
510 members for two years; and (B) two members for four years. Thereafter,
511 the Governor shall appoint members of the board to succeed such
512 appointees whose terms expire and each member so appointed shall
513 hold office for a period of four years from July first in the year of his or
514 her appointment. Appointed directors shall have business and
515 management experience and shall include individuals who have
516 experience and expertise in one or more of the following areas: (i)
517 Financial planning, (ii) budgeting and assessment, (iii) marketing, (iv)
518 master planning, (v) aviation, and (vi) transportation management.

519 (c) Appointed directors may not designate a representative to
520 perform in their absence their respective duties under this section. Any
521 appointed director who fails to attend three consecutive meetings of the
522 board or who fails to attend fifty per cent of all meetings of the board
523 held during any calendar year shall be deemed to have resigned from
524 the board. Any vacancy occurring other than by expiration of term shall
525 be filled in the same manner as the original appointment for the balance
526 of the unexpired term.

527 (d) The board of directors of the authority shall appoint an executive
528 director who shall not be a member of the board and who shall serve at
529 the pleasure of the board and receive such compensation as shall be
530 fixed by the board. The executive director shall be the chief
531 administrative officer of the authority and shall direct and supervise
532 administrative affairs and technical activities in accordance with the
533 directives of the board. The executive director shall approve all accounts
534 for salaries, allowable expenses of the authority or of any employee or
535 consultant thereof, and expenses incidental to the operation of the
536 authority. The executive director shall perform such other duties as may

537 be directed by the board in carrying out the purposes of subdivision (12)
538 of section 1-79, sections 1-120, 1-124 and 1-125, subsection (f) of section
539 4b-3, sections 13b-4 and 13b-42, subsection (a) of section 13b-44 and
540 sections 15-101aa and 15-120aa to 15-120oo, inclusive. The executive
541 director shall be exempt from the classified service. The executive
542 director shall attend all meetings of the board, keep a record of the
543 proceedings of the authority and shall maintain and be custodian of all
544 books, documents and papers filed with the authority and of the minute
545 book or journal of the authority and of its official seal. The executive
546 director may cause copies to be made of all minutes and other records
547 and documents of the authority and may give certificates under the
548 official seal of the authority to the effect that such copies are true copies,
549 and all persons dealing with the authority may rely upon such
550 certificates.

551 (e) Each director shall be entitled to reimbursement for such director's
552 actual and necessary expenses incurred during the performance of such
553 director's official duties.

554 (f) Directors may engage in private employment, or in a profession or
555 business, subject to any applicable laws, rules and regulations of the
556 state or federal government regarding official ethics or conflict of
557 interest.

558 (g) Six directors of the authority shall constitute a quorum for the
559 transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the authority.
560 For the transaction of any business or the exercise of any power of the
561 authority, and except as otherwise provided in this section, the
562 authority may act by a majority of the directors present at any meeting
563 at which a quorum is in attendance.

564 (h) The board may delegate to six or more directors such board
565 powers and duties as it may deem necessary and proper in conformity
566 with the provisions of this section and its bylaws.

567 (i) The appointing authority for any director may remove such
568 director for inefficiency, neglect of duty or misconduct in office after

569 giving the director a copy of the charges against the director and an
570 opportunity to be heard, in person or by counsel, in the director's
571 defense, upon not less than ten days' notice. If any director shall be so
572 removed, the appointing authority for such director shall file in the
573 office of the Secretary of the State a complete statement of charges made
574 against such director and the appointing authority's findings on such
575 statement of charges, together with a complete record of the
576 proceedings.

577 (j) The authority shall continue as long as it has bonds or other
578 obligations outstanding and until its existence is terminated by law.
579 Upon the termination of the existence of the authority, all its rights and
580 properties shall pass to and be vested in the state of Connecticut.

581 (k) Notwithstanding any provision of the general statutes, it shall not
582 constitute a conflict of interest for a trustee, director, partner or officer
583 of any person, firm or corporation, or any individual having a financial
584 interest in a person, firm or corporation, to serve as a director of the
585 authority, provided such trustee, director, partner, officer or individual
586 shall abstain from deliberation, action or vote by the authority in specific
587 respect to such person, firm or corporation.

588 (l) The Governor shall appoint the chairperson of the board, who shall
589 serve for a term of four years. The board shall elect from its members a
590 vice chairperson and such other officers as it deems necessary.
591 Vacancies among any officers shall be filled within thirty days following
592 the occurrence of such vacancy in the same manner as the original
593 selection. Said board shall establish bylaws to govern its procedures and
594 shall appoint such committees and advisory boards as may be
595 convenient or necessary in the transaction of its business.

596 (m) The initial members of the board may begin service immediately
597 upon appointment, but shall not serve past the sixth Wednesday of the
598 next regular session of the General Assembly unless qualified in the
599 manner provided in section 4-7. Thereafter, all appointments shall be
600 made with the advice and consent of both houses of the General

601 Assembly, in the manner provided in section 4-19.

602 [(n) The executive director of the Connecticut Airport Authority shall
 603 establish an advisory committee to consult with on matters relating to
 604 Bradley International Airport and business related to said airport. The
 605 committee may consist of not more than six members, one of whom
 606 shall be appointed by the cochairpersons of the joint standing committee
 607 of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to
 608 transportation, and one of whom shall be appointed by the ranking
 609 members of the joint standing committee of the General Assembly
 610 having cognizance of matters relating to transportation. The advisory
 611 committee shall consist of residents of and representatives of businesses
 612 located in the Bradley Airport development zone, as well as one or more
 613 representatives from western Massachusetts. Members of such advisory
 614 committee may attend public meetings of the Connecticut Airport
 615 Authority and monthly managers' meetings of the Connecticut Airport
 616 Authority.]

617 Sec. 17. Sections 13b-44a, 13b-50b, 15-101t and 15-101pp of the general
 618 statutes are repealed. (*Effective July 1, 2023*)

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-39a
Sec. 2	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-39b
Sec. 3	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-39d
Sec. 4	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-39g
Sec. 5	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-50
Sec. 6	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-47
Sec. 7	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-49a
Sec. 8	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-50a
Sec. 9	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-44
Sec. 10	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-76(a)
Sec. 11	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	15-90
Sec. 12	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-101m
Sec. 13	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-120ii(b)
Sec. 14	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	13b-97(d)
Sec. 15	<i>October 1, 2023</i>	New section

Sec. 16	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	15-120bb
Sec. 17	<i>July 1, 2023</i>	Repealer section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Connecticut Airport Authority.

[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.]