

HOUSE BILL 1058: Dissolve Airport Commission of Forsyth County.

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Committee: House State and Local Government II

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OVERVIEW: House Bill 1058 would authorize the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to dissolve the Airport Commission of Forsyth County and create a new entity to replace the Airport Commission on or before June 30, 2019. Upon dissolution, the Airport Commission must transfer all of its assets, contracts, and obligations to the newly formed entity.

CURRENT LAW: The General Assembly created the Airport Commission of Forsyth County ("Commission") under Chapter 610 of the Session Laws of 1949 and prescribed its powers and duties. Chapter 383 of the Session Laws of 1967 amended Chapter 610 of the Session Laws of 1949 to transfer property owned by the Forsyth County Airport Commission, Inc., a nonprofit entity, to the Commission.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 1058 would authorize, not require, the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners ("Board") to dissolve the Commission, either by ordinance or resolution, and create a new entity to replace the Commission by June 30, 2019. If the Commission is dissolved, the Commission would have 60 days to transfer all real and personal property held, owned, leased, or managed by the Commission to the newly formed entity without consideration. Further, the newly formed entity would assume all of the Commission's contracts, liabilities, and obligations.

Once the Commission completes the transfer of all real and personal property, the Commission will be abolished, and Chapter 610 of the Session Laws of 1949, as amended by Chapter 383 of the Session Laws of 1967, will be repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: The Board voted unanimously to request the General Assembly approve this legislation. If this legislation passes and the Board decides to dissolve the Commission, the Board may be required to work with the Federal Aviation Administration ("FAA") when setting up the new entity to replace the Commission. When a state or local government contemplates actions that may impact an airport's ownership, sponsorship, governance, or operations, it generally must work with the FAA to ensure compliance with Federal requirements.

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