



HOUSE BILL 1154: Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	May 26, 2020
Introduced by:	Reps. McGrady, Fisher	Prepared by:	Howard Marsilio
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 1154 would amend the staggering of appointment terms of certain members of the Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority.*

CURRENT LAW: The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority (Authority) has seven members:

- Two members appointed by the Asheville City Council from the registered voters of Asheville.
- Two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County from the registered voters of Buncombe County.
- Two members appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Henderson County from the registered voters of Henderson County.
- One member appointed by majority vote of the other six members.

Four Authority members' terms expire June 30, 2020, and three members' terms expire June 30, 2022. Current members serve four-year terms.

BILL ANALYSIS: The bill would remove the current member staggering language currently utilized for the Authority, and would further stagger the terms of the certain Authority members as follows:

- The member appointed by majority vote of the other six members would serve a term of one year which would begin July 1, 2020, and then the appointment would continue as a four-year term.
- One member appointed by the Asheville City Council would serve a term of three years which would begin July 1, 2020, and then the subsequent appointment term would continue as a four-year term.
- One member appointed by the Board of Commissioners of Buncombe County would serve a term of three years which would begin July 1, 2020, and then the subsequent appointment term would continue as a four-year term.

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

BACKGROUND: The Greater Asheville Regional Airport Authority was created in 2012 by S.L. 2012-121 to succeed the Asheville Regional Airport Authority, which was created by interlocal agreement, and governed by a Board from Asheville and Buncombe County.

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