



# HOUSE BILL 489: Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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**OVERVIEW:** *House Bill 489 renames the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority and clarifies that it is the governing body of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport, and authorizes the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority to unilaterally apply for and accept certain federal grants on behalf of Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton.*

**CURRENT LAW:** The Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority (Authority) is a five member public body created under a Charter enacted by the General Assembly to operate the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport.<sup>1</sup> Four members of the Authority are appointed to staggered three-year terms by the Lincoln County Board of Commissioners. One member is appointed to a staggered three-year term by the Lincolnton City Council. The Authority administers the operation, development, regulation, and control of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** House Bill 489 would amend the Charter of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport Authority to do all of the following:

- Change the name of the Authority to the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Regional Airport Authority.
- Clarify that the governing body is the airport Authority.
- Authorize the Authority to unilaterally apply for and accept, on behalf of Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton, federal grants requiring matching funds of \$50,000 or less from the County and City.
- Limit the amount of matching funds the Authority may obligate on behalf of Lincoln County and the City of Lincolnton to \$100,000 per fiscal year.
- Place the name of the airport operated by the Authority - the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport - in the Charter.
- Place the name of the Lincolnton-Lincoln County Airport airfield – the *David E. Lowe Airfield* – in the Charter.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** The act would be effective when the bill becomes law.

*\*Billy Godwin, Staff Attorney, substantially contributed to this summary.*

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<sup>1</sup> Chapter 10 of the Session Laws of 1996 Second Extra Session, as amended by Section 1 of S.L. 2016 12 and Section 3 of S.L. 2017 104

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