



SENATE BILL 908: Airport Economic Development Act.

2021-2022 General Assembly

Committee:	Senate Rules and Operations of the Senate	Date:	June 23, 2022
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Analysis of:	Second Edition		Committee Counsel

OVERVIEW: *Edition 2 of Senate Bill 908 would remove the Davidson County Airport from the corporate limits of the City of Lexington and require the Davidson County Airport Authority to purchase a certain described fire station building and equipment from the City of Lexington for \$2,000,000.*

CURRENT LAW AND BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1

Under Section 1 of Article VII of the North Carolina Constitution, the General Assembly is empowered to "provide for the organization and government and the fixing of boundaries of counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions, and, except as otherwise prohibited by this Constitution, may give such powers and duties to counties, cities and towns, and other governmental subdivisions as it may deem advisable." Pursuant to this Section, the General Assembly enacted Article 4A of Chapter 160A of the General Statutes which governs municipal annexations. In addition, the General Assembly may annex property by local act. However, the General Assembly has not enacted any method for municipalities to deannex property. Only the General Assembly may deannex property.

Section 1 of the Bill would deannex the Davidson County Airport from the corporate limits of the City of Lexington.

Section 2

The Davidson County Airport Authority is a body politic and corporate that may purchase, establish, construct, improve, regulate, etc. the Davidson County Airport in addition to all facilities incidental to its operation.

Section 2 of the Bill would require the Davidson County Airport Authority to purchase, and the City of Lexington to sell to the Davidson County Airport Authority, the fire station building and equipment located at 285 Hargrave Road, Lexington, N.C. for \$2,000,000. The sale must be completed no later than December 31, 2022.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Section 1 of the Bill would become effective on June 30, 2022. Section 2 of the Bill would become effective when it becomes law.

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