



HOUSE BILL 464: Beaufort County Local Matters.

2023-2024 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 464 would do the following:*

- *Change the method of appointment to the Washington-Warren Airport Authority.*
- *Authorize the Beaufort County Schools to teach the Hillsdale College K 12 Curriculum, if it so chooses.*

CURRENT LAW and BILL ANALYSIS:

Washington-Warren Airport Authority. – The Washington-Warren Airport Authority (Airport Authority), is a body corporate and politic, governed by a seven member board. The City of Washington appoints all members to the Airport Authority, each serving three-year staggered terms and able to serve one or more successive terms. The Airport Authority is a unit of local government, subject to the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act; able to sue and be sued in its own right; to acquire, own, control, or occupy land for a public purpose; and to accept appropriations of and expend funds for the operation of the Washington-Warren Airport.

The bill would alter the appointment process for members of the Airport Authority, with all current terms expiring on October 1, 2023. From October 1, 2023, forward, the Airport Authority would continue to consist of seven members, serving three-year staggered terms, and eligible for successive appointments. However, the appointing authorities would change as follows:

- One member appointed by the City of Washington, who must be a registered voter of the City of Washington with aviation or drone experience or business management expertise.
- One member appointed by the Beaufort County Commissioners who must a registered voter of the County of Beaufort and the City of Washington with business management or financial expertise.
- Two members appointed by the Beaufort County Commissioners who must be registered voters of the County of Beaufort and not of the City of Washington with aviation or drone experience.
- Three members who shall be registered voters of the County of Beaufort selected and appointed by the remaining members of the Airport Authority.

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Hillsdale College Curriculum. – Part 1 of Article 8 of Chapter 115C of the General Statutes sets forth the standard course of study for public schools in this State.

The bill would authorize the local board of education of Beaufort County Schools to use the Hillsdale College K-12 Curriculum in lieu of the requirements of that standard course of study. If the local board of education opted to teach the Hillsdale College K-12 Curriculum, the standardized tests required by federal law would still be administered to the students of the Beaufort County Schools, and students would still need to pass those standardized tests as required by federal law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Effective when it becomes law.