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2 Introduced by Representatives Townsend of South Burlington, Brady of
3 Addison, Colston of Winooski, Killacky of South Burlington,
4 McCullough of Williston, Pugh of South Burlington, Small of
5 Winooski, and Vyhovsky of Essex

6 Referred to Committee on

7 Date:

8 Subject: Transportation; airports; Burlington International Airport

9 Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to establish a
10 study committee to examine alternative governance structures for the
11 Burlington International Airport.

12 An act relating to establishing a study committee to examine the governance
13 of the Burlington International Airport

14 It is hereby enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Vermont:

15 Sec. 1. BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STUDY

16 COMMITTEE; REPORT

17 (a) Creation. There is created the Burlington International Airport Study
18 Committee to examine the existing governance structure of the airport and the
19 practicability of alternatives thereto and to report its findings and
20 recommendations.

1 (b) Membership. The Committee shall be composed of the following seven
2 members:

3 (1) one member appointed by the Governor who is a private citizen with
4 expertise in airport-related matters;

5 (2) one member designated by the mayor of the City of Burlington;

6 (3) one member designated by the city council of the City of South
7 Burlington;

8 (4) one member designated by the mayor of the City of Winooski;

9 (5) one member designated by the Chittenden County Regional Planning
10 Commission to represent other municipalities affected by the airport and who
11 neither resides in nor represents the City of Burlington, the City of South
12 Burlington, or the City of Winooski;

13 (6) the Secretary of Transportation or designee; and

14 (7) one member designated by the President and CEO of the Lake
15 Champlain Regional Chamber of Commerce.

16 (c) Powers and duties. The Committee shall examine:

17 (1) the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the existing
18 governance structure of the airport;

19 (2) each alternative for changing the governance structure of the airport
20 that is identified by a majority of Committee members as warranting study, the

1 advantages and disadvantages of each alternative examined, and the steps and
2 timeline required to implement each alternative; and

3 (3) any other issue relating to the governance of the airport identified by
4 a majority of the members of the Committee as warranting study.

5 (d) Assistance. The Committee shall have the administrative, technical,
6 and legal assistance of the Agency of Transportation.

7 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2022, the Committee shall submit a
8 written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations.

9 (f) Meetings.

10 (1) The Secretary of Transportation or designee shall call the first
11 meeting of the Committee to occur on or before July 15, 2021.

12 (2) The Committee shall select a chair from among its members at the
13 first meeting.

14 (3) A majority of the membership of the Committee shall constitute a
15 quorum.

16 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 16, 2022.

17 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Committee who are
18 not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise compensated
19 or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem compensation
20 and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. § 1010 for not

1 more than six meetings. These payments shall be made from monies
2 appropriated to the Agency of Transportation.

3 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

4 This act shall take effect on passage.