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2 Senators Chittenden, Ingalls, Kitchel, Mazza and Perchlik move to amend
3 the proposal of amendment of the Committee on Transportation as amended by
4 the Committee on Appropriations by inserting a reader assistance heading and
5 one new section to be Sec. 5a to read as follows:

6 * * * State Airports * * *

7 Sec. 5a. SALE OR LEASE OF CALEDONIA COUNTY STATE AIRPORT

8 (a) The Agency of Transportation is authorized to solicit proposals for the
9 purchase or lease of the Caledonia County State Airport, located in the Town
10 of Lyndon, and the Agency shall consult with the Town of Lyndon on any
11 requests for proposals related to the purchase or lease of the Airport.

12 (b) Subject to obtaining any necessary approvals from the U.S. Federal
13 Aviation Administration, the Vermont Secretary of Transportation, as agent for
14 the State, is authorized to convey the Airport property by warranty deed
15 according to the terms of a purchase and sale agreement or through a long-term
16 lease.

17 (c) Any such conveyance shall:

18 (1) include assignment of the State's interest in easements, leases,
19 licenses, and other agreements pertaining to the Airport and the acceptance of
20 the State's obligations under such easements, leases, licenses, and other
21 agreements that requires, at a minimum, that any leases that are in effect at the

1 time of the conveyance of the Airport are fully honored for the balance of the
2 lease term;

3 (2) ensure that there are investments in the Airport to address current
4 deficiencies and necessary repairs;

5 (3) ensure that the Airport continues to be a public-use airport and that
6 the public continues to have access to the Airport for general aviation uses in
7 perpetuity; and

8 (4) ensure that the Airport continues to be identified as a public-use
9 airport within the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems until at least
10 2050, subject to federal determination.

11 (d) The Agency shall not proceed with a sale or lease of the Airport unless
12 there is a fair market value offer, as required under 19 V.S.A. § 10k(b) or
13 26a(a), that meets the requirements of subsection (c) of this section.

14 (e) This section shall constitute specific prior approval, including of any
15 sale or lease terms, by the General Assembly for purposes of 5 V.S.A. § 204.