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Introduced by Representatives Marcotte of Coventry and Viens of Newport  
City

Referred to Committee on

Date:

Subject: Public property; lease

Statement of purpose of bill as introduced: This bill proposes to authorize the  
Commissioner of Buildings and General Services to lease State property to a  
private entity.

An act relating to leasing State property to a private entity

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

Sec. 1. 29 V.S.A. § 165 is amended to read:

§ 165. SPACE ALLOCATION, INVENTORY, AND USE; LEASING

PROPERTY; COMMISSIONER'S PREAPPROVAL REQUIRED

(a) ~~For purposes of~~ As used in this section, "agency" shall mean every  
Executive agency and the Judicial Department, every department not within an  
agency, every board, commission, or other entity not attached to an agency or  
department for administrative purposes, every not-for-profit corporation or  
entity occupying or using State-owned space, and shall include the Offices of  
the Chief Justice of the Vermont Supreme Court, the Court Administrator's

1 Office, the Auditor of Accounts, the Attorney General, the Secretary of State,  
2 and the State Treasurer. “Agency” shall not mean, nor shall this section apply  
3 to, an entity not affiliated with the Executive or Judicial Branch of State  
4 government and not located in State-owned property, even though the entity  
5 may receive State capital funds. This section shall not apply to the Vermont  
6 State Colleges.

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8 (j) Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commissioner of  
9 Buildings and General Services is authorized to lease State-owned property to  
10 a private entity that is not an agency, provided that:

11 (1) the private entity is located within a municipality having the highest  
12 unemployment rate in the State for the previous two calendar years; and

13 (2) the Commissioner determines that the lease would assist in  
14 economic development in the municipality through increased workforce  
15 development or tourism.

16 Sec. 2. EFFECTIVE DATE

17 This act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.