

1 * * * Burlington International Airport Study Committee; Report * * *

2 Sec. X. BURLINGTON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT STUDY

3 COMMITTEE; REPORT

4 (a) Creation. There is created the Burlington International Airport Study
5 Committee to examine the existing governance structure of the airport and the
6 practicability of alternatives thereto and to report its findings and
7 recommendations.

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

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

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

13 (3) one member designated by the city council of the City of South
14 Burlington;

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

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

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

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

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

4 (1) the advantages and disadvantages of retaining the existing
5 governance structure of the airport;

6 (2) each alternative for changing the governance structure of the airport
7 that is identified by a majority of Committee members as warranting study, the
8 advantages and disadvantages of each alternative examined, and the steps and
9 timeline required to implement each alternative; and

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

12 (d) Assistance; consultant. The Committee shall have the administrative,
13 technical, and legal assistance of the Agency of Transportation, which shall
14 contract with an independent-third-party consultant with expertise in airport
15 governance.

16 (e) Report. On or before January 15, 2023, the Committee shall submit a
17 written report to the General Assembly with its findings and recommendations.

18 (f) Meetings.

19 (1) The Secretary of Transportation or designee shall call the first
20 meeting of the Committee to occur on or before July 15, 2022.

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

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

5 (4) The Committee shall cease to exist on January 16, 2023.

6 (g) Compensation and reimbursement. Members of the Committee who
7 are not employees of the State of Vermont and who are not otherwise
8 compensated or reimbursed for their attendance shall be entitled to per diem
9 compensation and reimbursement of expenses as permitted under 32 V.S.A. §
10 1010 for not more than six meetings.

11 (h) Authorization. The payments allowed under subsection (g) of this
12 section and up to \$50,000.00 for the consultant retained pursuant to subsection
13 (d) of this section shall be made from monies appropriated for the Agency of
14 Transportation’s Proposed Fiscal Year 2023 Transportation Program for Policy
15 and Planning.