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SENATE BILL ***144-FN***

AN ACT relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.

SPONSORS: Sen. Johnson, Dist 2

COMMITTEE: Ways and Means

ANALYSIS

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Explanation: Matter added to current law appears in ***bold italics.***
Matter removed from current law appears [~~in brackets and struckthrough.~~]
Matter which is either (a) all new or (b) repealed and reenacted appears in regular type.

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STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

In the Year of Our Lord Two Thousand Three

AN ACT relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.

Be it Enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court convened:

1 Lease Agreement Required; Pease Development Authority; Department of Regional Community-Technical Colleges. Amend RSA 2001, 158:67 to read as follows:

158:67 Lease Agreement Required; Pease Development Authority; Department of Regional Community-Technical Colleges. The department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority shall enter into a lease agreement in which the department shall occupy the first floor, consisting of 71,243 square feet, of 320 Corporate Drive in Portsmouth. In exchange, the state shall reduce by [~~$1,068,644~~] ***$1,133,724*** per year, starting with the commencement of the lease on July 1, [~~2001~~] ***2003***, Pease development authority's debt owed to the state relative to start-up funding costs under RSA [~~12-G:27-b~~] ***12-G:33*** through [~~12-G:27-d~~] ***12-G:35***; 1991, 355:110, as amended by 1992, 260:11; 1992, 260:12, as amended by 1993, 358:3; 1994, 415:1; and 1995, 307:10. ***Commencing on July 1, 2004 and on each July 1 thereafter, the annual debt reduction shall be increased by the lesser of the consumer price index or 3 percent for that year, not to exceed 12 percent in any 5-year period. In this section, "consumer price index" means the Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers applicable to the Boston area (all items 1982-1984=100) published by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.*** The lease term shall be [~~2~~] ***10*** years or until such time as the debt owed to the state relative to the authority's start-up funding costs has been exhausted. [~~The lease may be extended subject to the approval of the capital budget overview committee and the governor and council.~~] ***If the department of regional community-technical colleges does not acquire property insurance for the leased premises, the Pease development authority may elect to obtain property insurance coverage for 320 Corporate Drive and the state shall reduce annually the authority's debt owed to the state relative to start-up funding costs, as described in this section, by an additional amount equal to the pro-rata allocation of the insurance costs attributable to the leased premises based on square footage.***

2 Effective Date. This act shall take effect July 1, 2003.

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SB 144 FISCAL NOTE

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The Department of Regional Community Technical Colleges and the Pease Development Authority indicate this bill will increase state general fund revenues and expenditures by $1,133,724 in FY 2004 and by a greater amount, not to exceed 3%, each year thereafter. There will be no fiscal impact on county and local revenue or expenditures.

METHODOLOGY:

The Department states this bill will continue an agreement whereby the Department will occupy office space in a building owned by the Pease Development Authority. The Department will not pay for the office space, however, the amount owed to the state by the Pease Development Authority will be reduced by an amount equal to the fair market value of the office space leased by the Department. The lease amount and the amount of debt reduced will equal $1,133,724 in FY 2004 and will increase annually by the lesser of the consumer price index, or 3%. The amount is based on a lease of 71,243 square feet at $15.9135 per square foot. This bill provides for a transaction that will not be entered into the state's accounting system. In essence, this bill provides an appropriation to the Department that will be used to pay the rental cost at the Pease site. The amount of the rental cost is then used by Pease to decrease the amount Pease owes to the State of New Hampshire.

Amendments

Sen. Johnson, Dist. 2
March 11, 2003
2003-0637s
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Amendment to SB 144-FN

Amend the bill by replacing section 1 with the following:

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AMENDED ANALYSIS

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Committee Minutes

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HEARING REPORT

FROM: Joshua Chamberlain
RE: SB 144 - relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.
DATE: March 12, 2003
ACTION: no action was taken

SPONSOR(S): Sen. Johnson, Dist 2

WHAT THE BILL DOES: This bill extends the term of the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority from 2 years to 10 years, modifies the debt reduction corresponding to the lease agreement, and authorizes the Pease development authority to receive a further debt reduction for obtaining certain property insurance

WHO SUPPORTS THE BILL: The Sponsor, Lynn Hinchee-Pease Development Authority, David Mullen-Pease Development Authority, Nancy Berliner-Combinet-NH, Claudie Mahar-NHCTC Board of Trustees, Catherine Smith-NHCTC Manchester, John O'Donnell-NHCTC

WHO OPPOSES THE BILL: no one appeared in opposition

WHO TAKES NO POSITION: Don Hill-Department of Administrative Services

TESTIMONY:
Senator Johnson introduced the bill as an extension of the two-year agreement that ends June 30, 2003. The original agreement treated the rental cost as a credit against bond debt. Johnson said the Pease property houses the Emerging Technologies Center (ETC) which supports NHCTC's hi-tech training programs and Pease tenants' technology needs, has helped to secure federal grants and partners with other state agencies in a network of hi-tech incubators. Senator Johnson submitted a draft of an amendment which would reduce the terms of the lease agreement from 10 years, as introduced, to eight years.

Don Hill, Department of Administrative Services, took no position on the bill but shared his concerns about the manner in which the lease is reflected on the state's books. Hill told the committee that it is important to disclose all expenses and recommended that the committee consider an amendment that would disclose the lease agreement in state accounting records.

John O'Donnell, Regional Community-Technical Colleges, said SB 144 is part of an effort to keep NH competitive in biotechnology and to continue to train students at the highest level. The Pease property and the activities taking place there are a model for other areas in the state.

Kathryn Smith, NH Community-Technical Colleges, described partnerships with the US Navy and Lonza which would not have been possible without the Pease property and the ETC specifically. Smith said the programs at Pease are not duplicated anywhere else in the state.

SENATE WAYS and MEANS COMMITTEE
State House, Room 103
Concord, New Hampshire
Wednesday, March 12, 2003

SENATE BILL 144-FN, AN ACT relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.

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CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Well call the meeting to order, and open a hearing on Senate Bill 144-FN, an act relative to the lease agreement between the Department of Regional Community-Technical Colleges and the Pease Development Authority. And call upon the prime sponsor, Sen. Carl Johnson. Senator, great to see you.

CARL JOHNSON, Senator, District 2: Thank you, Sen. D'Allesandro, Chair, and members of the committee. For the record, I am Carl Johnson, Senator from District 2. District 2 includes four towns in Belknap County, 26 towns in Grafton County and two towns in Merrimack County.

Mr. Chairman and members of the committee, two years ago we agreed to a two-year lease/credit agreement on behalf of the State of New Hampshire through their department of the Regional Community Technical Colleges and the Pease Development Authority.

Senate Bill 195 created a special opportunity for the development of a high-tech satellite division of the Community Technical College at Stratham. The building the college now

occupies, the former Cabletron training center, provides a campus environment that fosters comprehensive studies of emerging and high technologies.

The lease arrangement between the PDA and the state offers an exchange of annual rental cost for credit toward the existing PDA bond debt. The two-year lease agreement will terminate this summer on June 30, and it is to this end that I ask your support of Senate Bill 144, which will extend the term of the lease agreement an additional eight years, modifying the debt reduction between the state and the PDA.

Last year, I had the privilege of touring the Emergency Technology Center, as the college satellite is called, and I was impressed at what Comr. O'Donnell and college president Catherine Smith have accomplished. The Emerging Technology Center responds to the state's need for a skilled workforce to staff highly technical industries: computer science, biotechnology, electronics, photonics and other emerging technologies.

As a tenant for nearly a decade, and particularly these last two years at 320 Corporate Drive, the community technical colleges provide unique programs and services that support the PDA and its tenants. For example, securing federal earmarks two years in a row to facilitate renovations. Partnering with the community and business information network to provide information and management assistance to business, nonprofits and community development interests. Collaborating with community service agency partners to develop childcare initiatives for students, staff and faculty and tradeport workers, and teaming up with DRED, UNH and Dartmouth to create a statewide network of high tech incubators.

The knowledge gained through collaborations with business and industry lead to major advances in education presented at the Emerging Technology Center. And in addition to a very strong high tech component, Dr. Catherine Smith will tell you about other programs and services the campus provides to the business

and industry tenants at the Tradeport and throughout the Seacoast.

As such can see this morning behind me, we have many representatives from the Community Technical College System, and also a variety of partners that rely on the programs and services the Emerging Technology Center delivers.

I think we can all agree that this division of the college is essential to the economic and workforce development of the Seacoast and the state. We would appreciate your support and vote Senate Bill 144 ought to pass as amended. Sen. D'Allesandro, I gave you the amendment earlier this morning and you understand what that amendment is about. I do have another committee hearing that I'm supposed to be testifying at. I'm sure if you have any technical questions the people behind me can answer those questions.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you very much, Sen. Johnson. Any questions for Sen. Johnson? If not, thank you very much for your testimony, Senator, appreciate it.

SEN. JOHNSON: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: David Mueller is in favor of the bill but does not wish to testify. Lynn Hinchie is in favor of the bill, but does not wish to testify. Don Hill from Administrative Services. Welcome, Comr. Hill.

DON HILL, Commissioner, Department of Administrative Services: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, honorable members of the committee. For the record, my name is Don Hill, and I work for the Department of Administrative Services.

I come just to talk to the committee this morning about the accounting practice generated by this bill; not the worthiness of the bill. As you know, I spent my first 12 years at the Department of Education. And at that time the voc techs were a part of the department and state government was a lot smaller. And so I have -- I hold the voc techs very close to myself,

because my first few years were with them, working very closely.

But I am concerned from an accounting standpoint, as you know, the comptroller's office is in my department, too, about the off-books expenses that this bill would create. I think in a time of Enron and corporate accounting, it's very important that we include all accounting on our state books. And that's why I worked with the Governor's office when he presented his budget, at least on that one section, and included the actual expenses right in the budget.

So, in the Governor's budget right now is the million -- million-something dollars to fund this. I mean, they're reflected on the state books. The same transaction would occur, PDA could pay us their bond and we pay them the money. It's an exchange of cash, but it wouldn't be reflected that way on the state books. And I think that's important for the State of New Hampshire and the openness and public disclosure for our citizens to reflect all expenses on the state books.

So, that's my concern with this bill. Not the merit or any worthiness or anything.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Right. Questions for Comr. Hill? I have one. Don, this ups the remission on the Pease Development Authority's payment to the state from $1,068,000 to $1,133,724. Is that reflected in the budget?

COMR. HILL: I'm not sure, Senator.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: That's part of the amendment, and there's a -- There's also another, in the amendment -- have you seen the amendment?

COMR. HILL: No. Yes, I did --

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Okay. Well, if you haven't seen it, you can't answer questions. But there is a change and the state will reduce, by the 1.1 million per year, starting

with the commencement of the lease on 2003, the debt. And also there's another clause in here about insurance for the leased premises and how that would be handle if one insures it or the other insures it. So, if you would, look at those two items for me, and let us know if it's reflected in the budget; that's my concern.

COMR. HILL: Okay, glad to.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Any other questions? If not, thank you very much.

COMR. HILL: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: John O'Donnell, the commissioner of the Community Technical Colleges System is here, and he supports the bill. Do you wish to speak, Commissioner?

JOHN O'DONNELL, Commissioner, Community Technical College: I do, Senator. Mr. Chairman, committee members, for the record, I am John O'Donnell, commissioner of the New Hampshire Community-Technical College System. And I would like to speak in support of this bill.

If I could briefly describe the importance of the Emerging Technology Center. Our commitment at that center is to train and educate in the newest and highest level of technologies. These are the companies we are trying to keep in New Hampshire, and the companies we are trying to attract to New Hampshire.

I keep this advertisement in my office. It's from a regional New England newspaper. And it talks about the billions that the State of Pennsylvania is using to attract bio-technologies, the new industry to Pennsylvania. We are in that competitive business. And the community -- the Emerging Technology Center is part of our effort to keep New Hampshire competitive in this arena.

As we set here before you asking for this support, we have a bio-technology program at the Emerging Technology Center that is an absolute national model; funded by the National Science Foundation. The original infrastructure for information technology was a gift to us from Cabletron Corporation, and we have also received substantial gifts from Microsoft Corporation to give us the software that allows us to train in the highest levels of applications.

What this Emerging Technology Center means to the Seacoast and to the Tradeport is that we can say to companies, we will train in the new technologies at the highest level. And when the Department of Resources and Economic Development is inviting companies to New Hampshire they can make a similar offer.

I'd like to take it a step further, because the Emerging Technology Center becomes a prototype for offerings at other campuses. Sen. Odell, in Claremont we had a campus that was primarily based around healthcare. We talked to our federal congressional delegation and asked for a series of earmarks, and they have supported, and we have put into effect a large-scale bio-technology manufacturing lab. We just received notice last week that we received the second notification that we will receive $650,000 to set up advances in information technology, a high tech high school, so we can bring in younger students to be exposed, earn credit and train in these technologies. And also, start to expand areas in such -- in such very needy areas as electronic/photonics.

This is where we have to be. So, here we have our federal delegation that sees us as very worthy of investment. But, again, it becomes a prototype for the rest of the state. We presented it -- We presented to Sen. Judd Gregg a distance learning model that would allow us to take these high technology programs, and through smart classrooms, simultaneously offer them at the Emerging Technology Center and on our Community Technical College campuses. We didn't expect that to be funded for another year, we have received $500,000 to initiate that. So, this responds to the Tradeport, to the Seacoast and really sets the

prototype for us taking the very high technology programs to other campuses, especially our rural areas.

I ask you to consider this bill as a primary investment in the economic development of the State of New Hampshire. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Commissioner. Any questions? If not, thank you very much for your testimony, Commissioner. Catherine Smith. Welcome.

CATHERINE SMITH, President, New Hampshire Community Technical College: Good morning, Chairman D'Allesandro, members of the committee. For the record, my name is Catherine Smith. I am the president of New Hampshire Community Technical College Manchester, Stratham, Pease and Derry.

Comr. O'Donnell gave you a brief overview of the concept of the Pease Emerging Technology Center, and I will not repeat that. But I think what I would like to do is give you some specific examples of why location and mix of educational programs come together to support the economic development of New Hampshire.

Oftentimes when folks are looking to house their businesses in a 21st century industrial park, they look for a number of things, beyond facilities and land, association fees, childcare, conference facility, business development supports facilities. A common question is, are there colleges or technical schools within the area of the industrial park that will provide us with a trained workforce.

The Pease Emerging Technology Center addresses four of these items. First of all, we house programs that bear college credit or are noncredit for professional development purposes. We particularly assess the programming we put there to be sure that the technologies converge to supply industry within a unique and flexible menu of programming to meet their needs. And let me give you an example. The United States Navy is escalating

the refitting of their submarine -- their submarine force. There are only two bases in the United States that do this work. In a workforce reduction a number of years ago, the older workforce was retained, and they have now reached the retirement age.

Realizing they are facing a workforce crisis, the United States Navy has revamped their apprenticeship program, and they will train 500 skilled workers to refit submarines. In order to revamp or redesign this apprenticeship program, they looked to community technical college at the Pease Tradeport and York Technical College in Maine. And they asked us to come together to form a unique partnership where they could, in a modular approach, pick and choose the knowledge, skills and attributes their apprentices would need. This partnership means that between York Technical College in Maine and New Hampshire Community Technical College, we will serve the United States Navy for five years and put 100 people into the workforce.

We will deliver interesting programs in modules such as fiber optics for laser technology, math, English, CAD design. And York will offer specific skills, knowledge and attribute modules from their point of view.

We have started this program. We have the first cohort of apprenticeships coming into the program. And so far it's been a great success.

The other thing businesses look for is childcare. The New Hampshire Community Technical College in partnership with profit and not-for-profit businesses answered the call to develop a childcare initiative on the Tradeport. We were the first initiative --

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Catherine, excuse me.

MS. SMITH: I'm sorry.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: If I could interrupt. We're running a little late. I think the clarity of your testimony should relate specifically to the bill, and vis-à-vis the urgency of

retaining this property under the present situation as we move forward with the extension of the lease. If you could confine your remarks to that. I don't mean to be impolite, but we're on a tight schedule, and I appreciate that.

MS. SMITH: Let me summarize then.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Great.

MS. SMITH: Our ability to support the industry has to a lot to do with our location and the interesting mix of industry on the Tradeport. Our ability to modularize our programming to fit within the degree programs we offer, offers that the businesses on the tradeport an educated workforce. An example I can give you is Lonza has contacted us, and they have decided that they will move toward recruiting the entry-level worker with associate's degree, and would like to see and talk to our graduating class. That has a lot to do with our location in the Tradeport and the fact that we have partnered with Lonza in training.

So, I think the combination of the programming offered at the community technical college, and its direct relationship to the knowledge, skills and attributes that the industry at the Tradeport need is important, and I ask you to support the bill for that reason.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you. Any questions? Sen. Gallus.

SEN. GALLUS: Mr. Chairman, thank you very much. Whereabouts is the next closest campus?

MS. SMITH: The closest campus of the New Hampshire Community Technical College in Stratham on Route 33 and Portsmouth Ave. It's primarily health, human services and liberal arts housed.

SEN. GALLUS: Follow up?

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Further question.

SEN. GALLUS: Any of the programs at this facility duplications with that facility in Stratham?

MS. SMITH: There are programs that will share offerings at both campuses, but we have distributed the program so they're primarily housed at one campus or the other, given the nature of what they teach. The technology programs have been moved on to the Pease Tradeport.

SEN. GALLUS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Senator. Further questions? If not, thank you so much for your testimony.

MS. SMITH: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Claudia Mahar.

CLAUDIA MAHAR, Chairman, Board of Trustee, New Hampshire Community Technical College System: Good morning, Chairman D'Allesandro.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Good morning.

MS. MAHAR: For the record, my name is Claudia Mahar. I chair -- I have the pleasure of chairing the Board of Trustees for the New Hampshire Community Technical College System. I realize the direction this morning is to be a little quicker. But I do have you all understand --

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: That's the education gained that the Community Technical College System. I appreciate that wisdom. The manifestation of that wisdom carries a lot of weight. Thank you.

MS. MAHAR: Well, we absolutely, from a board perspective, wanted you all to know that we are in total support of this, and very much request your support.

I will be brief. My remarks are very brief. In addition to the state support that we garnered federal funding with the help of Senators Gregg and Sununu over this last couple of years. Last year an earmark of $350,000 was provided -- provided the funds to totally revamp our bio-technology lab at the Emerging Technology Center.

The important piece of this, because you've already heard this -- you've heard this morning, so far. But the point that I would like to make is that when then Congressman Sununu visited the site to see the progress, he's quoted as saying that this was the first time that he supported a project that kept its original mission. And we believe it's to that end that, in fact, we were earmarked for the $630,000 coming up -- or that was announced last week.

I reiterate this information, not to just be repetitive and not only because it's terrific news, but it speaks volumes to the contributions that your Community Technical College is making to the area of economic and workforce development, but also to the homeland security initiative. Our programs and services consist of the traditional high technologies, but they also include computer securities, bio-manufacturing, bio-informatics, photonics and high-end electronics development.

Please consider extending our lease arrangement as described in Senate Bill 144 an additional eight years as we continue to build a world class training facility for the state and region. Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you, Madam Chairman. Any questions? Thank you so much. Appreciate your coming. Nancy Berlinger.

NANCY BERLINGER, Vice Chair, Combinet NH: Good morning, Mr. Chairman, members of the committee. Thank you for hearing my testimony. I'll try to make this brief, as well.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you.

MS. BERLINGER: My name is Nancy Berlinger. I am the executive director of the New Hampshire Rural Development Council. But for the record, I come here today as vice chair of Combinet New Hampshire, the business community and economic development information network that serves the entire State of New Hampshire. And we also represent one of the many business development and economic development partners that are located or co-located at the Pease site.

Combinet is a multi-disciplinary group who's primary mission is to create a series of regional host sites that provide an nexus of information for management assistance to business to not-for-profit organizations and to community and economic development interests.

To date, we have established seven locations throughout the state: one in Nashua, Manchester, Keene, Bethlehem, North Conway, Laconia and Pease International Tradeport. In fact, we have our ribbon cutting ceremony coming up in a few weeks.

We are in negotiation to locate a few more sites in the upper valley and the far north, so we have quite an extensive network throughout the state with our services. In each instance with these host sites, including Pease, when a business community or not-for-profit need is identified, we have a well respected regional leader who has taken the responsibility of networking and acting as a referral source for all of the resources and technical assistance that exists within their regional market area.

In addition, we have been successful in installing a network of the small business administration's business information centers, also known as BICs, at each site, each of these seven sites that provide a broad array of management resources free of charge to anyone. These centers include an extensive library of materials in written and video form that can help a perspective manager improve the performance of their business or emerging business. Additionally, the centers provide access to a vast

array of small business development computer software and Internet access to supplement these resources.

The New Hampshire Community Technical College has been our regional leader in the Seacoast area, and has acted as our host organization representing the Seacoast region because of their location at Pease and the fact that they already have active business management and workforce development programs in place there.

They're an ideal Combinet host for the region. They currently collaborate with Combinet, Small Business Administration, Small Business Development Centers, SCORE, Microcredit New Hampshire, the Women's Business Center, the International Trade Resource Center, the Seacoast Regional Economic Development Corporation, Rockingham County Regional Economic Development and Portsmouth area Chamber of Commerce, University of New Hampshire and the Pease Development Authority to leverage the services of each one of these partner groups. It's really quite a phenomenal set of resources. This is key to the development underway as well as the technology incubator project.

With this in mind, we wish to strongly encourage the committee to recommend the extension of the lease on behalf of New Hampshire Community Technical College System at Pease to the full legislature. We feel strongly this is one of the advantageous business development models, as well as the advantage of the location and the co-location with other organizations. It leverages the benefits of the many organizations involved, and will ultimately vastly improve the economic vitality and competitive advantage for New Hampshire.

I'm more than happy to answer any questions that you might have.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Thank you. Thank you very much for your testimony. Any questions? If not, thank you very much. Appreciate your taking the time to come.

MS. BERLINGER: Thank you.

CHAIRMAN D'ALLESANDRO: Is there anyone who wishes to speak for or against Senate Bill 144? If not, we'll close the hearing on Senate Bill 144.

[Hearing closed]

Speakers

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Committee Report

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

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THE COMMITTEE ON Ways and Means

to which was referred Senate Bill 144-FN

AN ACT relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.

VOTE: 4-0

2003-0931s

Having considered the same, report the same with the following amendment and recommend that the bill: **AS AMENDED OUGHT TO PASS.**

Senator Lou D'Allesandro
For the Committee

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Bill Title: relative to the lease agreement between the department of regional community-technical colleges and Pease development authority.

Date	Body	Description
1/30/2003	**S**	Introduced and Ref. to Ways & Means; SJ 3, Pg.37
2/14/2003	**S**	Hearing; March 12, 2003, Room 103, SH, 8:30 a.m.; SC10
3/21/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass with Amendment{0931}, [03/27/03]; SC15, Pg.43-44
3/27/2003	**S**	Committee Amendment{0931}, AA, VV; SJ 10, Pg.208-209
3/27/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass with Amendment{0931}, MA, VV; Refer to Finance [Rule 26]; SJ 10, Pg.209
4/4/2003	**S**	Committee Report; Ought to Pass, [04/10/03]; SC17
4/10/2003	**S**	Ought to Pass, [Not Voted On]; SJ 12, Pg.291
4/10/2003	**S**	Sen. Green Moved Laid On Table, MA, VV; SJ 12, Pg.291

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