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HOUSE BILL DRH40356-LGa-123

Short Title: Funds/Smith Reynolds Airport Renovations. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Zachary.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR RENOVATIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS OF
3 FORSYTH COUNTY'S SMITH REYNOLDS AIRPORT.

4 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport has been designated a North Carolina Legacy
5 Airport; and

6 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport is a critical part of North Carolina's
7 transportation system, linking our State to the global economy and generating economic activity,
8 commerce, and tourism; and

9 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport contributed \$814 million in economic output
10 to the State and 3,655 jobs to the State economy in 2020, which was the largest economic
11 contribution among North Carolina general aviation airports; and

12 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport provides an effective base of operations for
13 aircraft maintenance, corporate aircraft, air charter services, general aviation, flight training, and
14 air cargo; and

15 Whereas, the Forsyth Technical Community College's Mazie S. Woodruff Aviation
16 Technology Lab at the Smith Reynolds Airport will open in August 2021 to prepare students for
17 high-paying jobs in aircraft maintenance; and

18 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport's terminal was constructed in the 1940s,
19 renovated in the 1980s, and has remained untouched since; and

20 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport has maximized usage of available hangar space;
21 and

22 Whereas, the Smith Reynolds Airport's Quonset hangar is a World War II era hangar
23 that is in need of refurbishment; Now, therefore,

24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

25 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Forsyth County the
26 sum of thirty million dollars (\$30,000,000) for the 2021-2022 fiscal year for renovations and
27 improvements of its Smith Reynolds Airport. These funds shall be used to renovate and improve
28 the Airport's terminal, corporate hangars, and Quonset hangar; repair, overhaul, and improve the
29 other hangars; and provide maintenance of the runways, ramps, airfield infrastructure, and
30 taxiways.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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