



# SENATE BILL 380: Charlotte Douglas Int'l Airport Commission

2013-2014 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	<b>Date:</b>	July 25, 2013
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Jackson	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Cindy Avrette Committee Counsel
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**SUMMARY:** *S.L. 2013-272 (Senate Bill 81) created the Charlotte Douglas International Airport Authority, and transferred the ownership and management of the Charlotte Douglas International Airport from the City of Charlotte to the Authority, effective January 1, 2014.*

*This bill would repeal S.L. 2013-272. In its place, the bill amends the Charter of the City of Charlotte by creating the "Charlotte Douglas International Airport Commission". The Commission would be an agency of the City and would be responsible for the management and operation of the Airport. The PCS also creates a Charlotte Douglas International Airport Oversight Committee that will exist for one year to monitor the actions of the Airport Commission.*

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The bill amends the Charter of the City of Charlotte to create an Airport Commission. The Commission consists of 13 members: seven appointed by the City of Charlotte, at least two of whom are resident of the west side of the City, and the remaining six members are appointed by each of the following surrounding counties: Mecklenburg, Cabarrus, Gaston, Iredell, Lincoln, and Union counties.

The Commission is charged with operating the Airport at the least cost and expense to the City of Charlotte. All funds of the Commission are to be kept by its treasurer in a separate bank account from other funds of the city and may be paid out only in accordance with procedures established by the Commission. The Commission must provide quarterly financial reports. It is considered a "special district" for purposes of the Local Government Budget and Fiscal Control Act. The Commission does not have the power to tax or to issue bonds; only the City may issue bonds. The Commission has the same exemptions with respect to payment of taxes and license fees as provided for a municipal corporation. The Commission does not have the powers of eminent domain; only the City may exercise the powers of eminent domain.

The Commission may employ an Executive Director. The employees of the City's Aviation Department are administratively assigned to the Commission. They will be employed by the Commission and paid by the Commission. All employment benefits currently available to the employees as City employees will continue to exist as Commission employees. In its initial decisions, the Commission must consider the consultant recommendations made to the City in 2013 concerning governance of the Airport.

There is also created a Charlotte Douglas International Airport Oversight Committee consisting of five members, one appointed by each of the following: Governor, President Pro Tempore, Speaker, Mayor of Charlotte, and City Council of Charlotte. The Committee will terminate on July 1, 2015. The purpose of the Committee is to monitor the actions of the Airport Commission. It is directed to make regular reports and recommendations if needed to the Charlotte Mayor and City Council on whether the Airport Commission is complying with the provisions of this Act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act is effective when it becomes law.

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