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Introduced by COMMITTEE ON RULES -- (at request of M. of A. Stern) --
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AN ACT relating to authorizing the state university of New York at Stony
Brook to lease certain lands for the purpose of constructing a facili-
ty to support research and development to address the national semi-
conductor chip shortage and related environmental sustainability
issues

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assem-
bly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Legislative findings. The legislature finds that the state
2 university of New York at Stony Brook ("Stony Brook") created the
3 Research and Development Park in order to support the cross-pollination
4 of ground-breaking research and cutting edge technology in the private
5 sector to benefit the students, faculty and staff as well as the broader
6 community. Now, Stony Brook has determined there is an opportunity for
7 Veeco to construct an additional facility in the Research and Develop-
8 ment Park, which would provide needed additional facilities to support
9 the research and development needs of faculty, staff, students, and the
10 community and seeks to use approximately 8 acres of underutilized land
11 on Stony Brook's Research and Development Park to build a facility to
12 address these research and development needs, as well as engage in its
13 private commercial research, development and manufacturing of tools to
14 fabricate semiconductor chips, other memory storage devices or any
15 future technology developed to hold data for later retrieval. Veeco,
16 which provides new technology to aid in the manufacture of semiconductor
17 chips, would address the national semiconductor chip shortage and
18 related environmental sustainability issues, fulfilling a necessary and
19 vital state and federal public purpose. The legislature further finds
20 that granting the trustees of the state university of New York the
21 authority and power to lease and otherwise contract to make available
22 grounds and facilities of the campus of the state university of New York
23 at Stony Brook available in this manner will ensure such land is
24 utilized for the benefit of Stony Brook and the surrounding community.

25 § 2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the state univer-
26 sity of New York trustees are authorized and empowered, without any

EXPLANATION--Matter in italics (underscored) is new; matter in brackets
[-] is old law to be omitted.

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1 public bidding, to lease and otherwise contract to make available to a
2 ground lessee a portion of the lands of the university generally
3 described in this act for the purpose of developing, constructing, main-
4 taining and operating a facility to engage in its private commercial
5 research, development and manufacturing purposes, while additionally
6 providing dedicated space which will support the research and develop-
7 ment needs of faculty, staff, students, and the community, which may
8 include supporting services to address the national semiconductor chip
9 shortage and related environmental sustainability issues. Such lease or
10 contract shall be for a period not exceeding one hundred (100) years
11 without any fee simple conveyance and otherwise upon terms and condi-
12 tions determined by such trustees, subject to the approval of the direc-
13 tor of the division of the budget, the attorney general and the state
14 comptroller. In the event that the real property that is the subject of
15 such lease or contract shall cease to be used for the purpose described
16 in this act, such lease or contract shall immediately terminate and the
17 real property and any improvements thereon shall revert to the state
18 university of New York. Any lease or contract entered into pursuant to
19 this act shall provide that the real property that is the subject of
20 such lease or contract and any improvements thereon shall revert to the
21 state university of New York on the expiration of such contract or
22 lease. The allocation of any and all proceeds related to the leases
23 authorized by this act shall be subject to approval by the state univer-
24 sity trustees.

25 § 3. Any contract or lease entered into pursuant to this act shall be
26 deemed to be a state contract for purposes of article 15-A of the execu-
27 tive law, and any contractor, subcontractor, lessee or sublessee enter-
28 ing into such contract or lease for the construction, demolition, recon-
29 struction, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration or
30 improvement authorized pursuant to this act shall be deemed a state
31 agency for the purposes of article 15-A of the executive law and subject
32 to the provisions of such article.

33 § 4. Notwithstanding any general, special or local law or judicial
34 decision to the contrary, all work performed on a project authorized by
35 this act where all or any portion thereof involves a lease or agreement
36 for construction, demolition, reconstruction, excavation, rehabili-
37 tation, repair, renovation, alteration or improvement shall be deemed
38 public work and shall be subject to and performed in accordance with the
39 provisions of article 8 of the labor law to the same extent and in the
40 same manner as a contract of the state, and compliance with all the
41 provisions of article 8 of the labor law shall be required of any
42 lessee, sublessee, contractor or subcontractor on the project, including
43 the enforcement of prevailing wage requirements by the fiscal officer as
44 defined in paragraph e of subdivision 5 of section 220 of the labor law
45 to the same extent as a contract of the state.

46 § 5. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
47 state university of New York shall not contract out to the ground lessee
48 or any subsidiary for the instruction or any pedagogical functions or
49 services, or any administrative services, and similar professional
50 services currently being performed by state employees at Stony Brook.
51 Any such functions and services performed in the space used by or for
52 the research of faculty, staff and students of Stony Brook shall be
53 performed by state employees pursuant to the civil service law. Nothing
54 in this act shall result in the displacement of any currently employed
55 state worker or the loss of position (including partial displacement
56 such as reduction in the hours of nonovertime, wages or employment bene-

1 fits), or result in the impairment of existing contracts for services or
2 collective bargaining rights pursuant to existing agreements. All posi-
3 tions currently at the state university of New York in the unclassified
4 service of the civil service law shall remain in the unclassified
5 service. No services or work performed on the property described in this
6 act currently performed by public employees, or that is similar in scope
7 and nature to the work being currently performed by public employees,
8 shall be contracted out or privatized by the state university of New
9 York. The state university of New York acknowledges its obligations as
10 an employer under the civil service law and agrees that it will not
11 exercise its right to contract out for goods and services under any
12 applicable collective bargaining agreement.

13 § 6. For the purposes of this act:

14 (a) "project" shall mean work at the property authorized by this act
15 to be leased to the ground lessee as described in section eight of this
16 act that involves the design, construction, reconstruction, demolition,
17 excavating, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration or improve-
18 ment of such property.

19 (b) "project labor agreement" shall mean a pre-hire collective
20 bargaining agreement between a contractor and a labor organization,
21 establishing the labor organization as the collective bargaining repre-
22 sentative for all persons who will perform work on the project, and
23 which provides that only contractors and subcontractors who sign a pre-
24 negotiated agreement with the labor organization can perform project
25 work.

26 § 7. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special, or local
27 law or judicial decision to the contrary, the ground lessee shall
28 require the use of a project labor agreement, as defined in subdivision
29 1 of section 222 of the labor law, for all contractors and subcontrac-
30 tors on the project, consistent with paragraph (a) of subdivision 2 of
31 section 222 of the labor law.

32 § 8. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to waive or impair any rights
33 or benefits of employees of the state university of New York that other-
34 wise would be available to them pursuant to the terms of agreements
35 between the certified representatives of such employees and the state of
36 New York pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law; all work
37 performed on such property in the spaces used by or for the research of
38 the faculty, staff and students of Stony Brook that ordinarily would be
39 performed by employees subject to article 14 of the civil service law
40 shall continue to be performed by such employees.

41 § 9. Without limiting the determination of the terms and conditions of
42 such contracts or leases, such terms and conditions may provide for
43 leasing, subleasing, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
44 improvement, operation and management of and provision of services and
45 assistance and the granting of licenses, easements and other arrange-
46 ments with regard to such grounds and facilities by the ground lessee,
47 and parties contracting with the ground lessee, and in connection with
48 such activities, the obtaining of funding or financing, whether public
49 or private, unsecured or secured (including, but not limited to, secured
50 by leasehold mortgages and assignments of rents and leases), by the
51 ground lessee and parties contracting with the ground lessee for the
52 purposes of completing the project described in this act.

53 § 10. Such lease shall include an indemnity provision whereby the
54 lessee or sublessee promises to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the
55 lessor against all claims, suits, actions, and liability to all persons
56 on the leased premises, including tenant, tenant's agents, contractors,

1 subcontractors, employees, customers, guests, licensees, invitees and
2 members of the public, for damage to any such person's property, whether
3 real or personal, or for personal injuries arising out of tenant's use
4 or occupation of the demised premises.

5 § 11. Any construction contracts entered into pursuant to this act
6 between the ground lessee and parties contracting with the ground lessee
7 for purposes of the construction, demolition, reconstruction, exca-
8 vation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alterations or improvements
9 to such structure shall be awarded by a competitive process.

10 § 12. The property authorized by this act to be leased to the ground
11 lessee is generally described as approximately 8 acres of land situated
12 on Stony Brook's Research and Development Park within the town of Brook-
13 haven, county of Suffolk, state of New York, commencing at a concrete
14 monument found on the southwesterly sideline of Stony Brook road (66
15 feet wide) where the same is intersected by the dividing line of section
16 273, block 1, lot 3 to the north with the northerly line of the subdivi-
17 sion known as "Map of University Heights at Flowerfield, Section No. 6",
18 filed September 27, 1965 as map no. 4479, to the South. the said
19 commencement point having state plane coordinate values of, North
20 268163.304 and East 1224698.785, and running the following two (2)
21 courses to the point of beginning:

22 A) along the said dividing line, South 61 degrees 59 minutes 05
23 seconds West, a distance of 395.30 feet; thence

24 B) along the same, South 51 degrees 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a
25 distance of 584.24 feet to the point of beginning. From the said point
26 of beginning, running; thence

27 1) continuing along the aforementioned dividing line, South 51 degrees
28 07 minutes 47 seconds West, a distance of 406.75 feet; thence crossing
29 into aforementioned lot 1 the following four (4) courses:

30 2) North 38 degrees 52 minutes 13 seconds west, a distance of 1152.33
31 feet to a point on the southeasterly side of development drive, a
32 private roadway of undesignated width; thence

33 3) following the said side of development drive, on a curve to the
34 right having a radius of 3485.50 feet, a central angle of 03 degrees 09
35 minutes 38 seconds and an arc length of 192.27 feet, the chord of which
36 bears North 69 degrees 55 minutes 59 seconds East for a distance of
37 192.25 feet to a point of tangency; thence

38 4) North 71 degrees 30 minutes 49 seconds east, a distance of 46.00
39 feet; thence

40 5) South 48 degrees 28 minutes 00 seconds east, a distance of 1089.59
41 feet to the point and place of beginning.

42 The above-described lease area contains 348,485 square feet or 8.0001
43 acres of land.

44 The above-described preservation area was written in accordance with a
45 map entitled, "Lease area sketch, proposed Veeco lease area, Stony Brook
46 university, part of section 273, block 1, lot 3, town of Brookhaven,
47 county of Suffolk, state of New York" prepared by Gallas Surveying
48 Group, dated March 6, 2024, subject to all existing easements and
49 restrictions of record.

50 § 13. The state university of New York shall not lease lands described
51 in this act unless any such lease shall be executed within 5 years of
52 the effective date of this act.

53 § 14. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the
54 provisions of any law, general, special or local, the provisions of this
55 act shall be controlling.

56 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately.