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Introduced by M. of A. O'PHARROW -- read once and referred to the
Committee on Higher Education

AN ACT in relation to authorizing the state university of New York at
Farmingdale to lease certain lands to the Farmingdale state develop-
ment corporation

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 Farmingdale ("Farmingdale") seeks to use
3 approximately 9.26 acres of underutilized land on Farmingdale's campus
4 for the purpose of multi-purpose facilities to support housing needs and
5 supporting amenities, fulfilling a necessary and vital public purpose.
6 The legislature further finds that granting the trustees of the state
7 university of New York ("Trustees") the authority and power to lease and
8 otherwise contract to make available grounds and facilities of the Farm-
9 ingdale campus will ensure such land is utilized for the benefit of
10 Farmingdale, the surrounding community, and the general public.

11 § 2. Notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, the state univer-
12 sity Trustees are authorized and empowered, without any public bidding,
13 to lease and otherwise contract to make available to Farmingdale state
14 development corporation, a not-for-profit corporation (the "ground
15 lessee"), a portion of the lands of the university generally described
16 in this act for the purpose of developing, constructing, maintaining and
17 operating multi-purpose facilities to support housing needs and support-
18 ing amenities. Such lease or contract shall be for a period not exceed-
19 ing ninety-nine years without any fee simple conveyance and otherwise
20 upon terms and conditions determined by such Trustees, subject to the
21 approval of the director of the division of the budget, the attorney
22 general and the state comptroller. In the event that the real property
23 that is the subject of such lease or contract shall cease to be used for
24 the purpose described in this act, such lease or contract shall imme-

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

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1 diately terminate and the real property and any improvements thereon
2 shall revert to the state university of New York. Any lease or contract
3 entered into pursuant to this act shall provide that the real property
4 that is the subject of such lease or contract and any improvements ther-
5 eon shall revert to the state university of New York on the expiration
6 of such contract or lease. Any and all proceeds related to the leases
7 authorized by this act shall be used for the benefit of the Farmingdale
8 campus and the allocation of such proceeds shall be subject to approval
9 by the Trustees.

10 § 3. Any contract or lease entered into pursuant to this act shall be
11 deemed to be a state contract for purposes of article 15-A of the execu-
12 tive law, and any contractor, subcontractor, lessee or sublessee enter-
13 ing into such contract or lease for the construction, demolition, recon-
14 struction, excavation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration or
15 improvement authorized pursuant to this act shall be deemed a state
16 agency for the purposes of article 15-A of the executive law and subject
17 to the provisions of such article.

18 § 4. Notwithstanding any general, special or local law or judicial
19 decision to the contrary, all work performed on a project authorized by
20 this act where all or any portion thereof involves a lease or agreement
21 for construction, demolition, reconstruction, excavation, rehabili-
22 tation, repair, renovation, alteration or improvement shall be deemed
23 public work and shall be subject to and performed in accordance with the
24 provisions of article 8 of the labor law to the same extent and in the
25 same manner as a contract of the state, and compliance with all the
26 provisions of article 8 of the labor law shall be required of any
27 lessee, sublessee, contractor or subcontractor on the project, including
28 the enforcement of prevailing wage requirements by the fiscal officer as
29 defined in paragraph e of subdivision 5 of section 220 of the labor law
30 to the same extent as a contract of the state.

31 § 5. Notwithstanding any law, rule or regulation to the contrary, the
32 state university of New York shall not contract out to Farmingdale state
33 development corporation or any subsidiary for the instruction or any
34 pedagogical functions or services, or any administrative services, and
35 similar professional services currently being performed by state employ-
36 ees. All such functions and services shall be performed by state employ-
37 ees pursuant to the civil service law. Nothing in this act shall result
38 in the displacement of any currently employed state worker or the loss
39 of position (including partial displacement such as reduction in the
40 hours of non-overtime, wages or employment benefits), or result in the
41 impairment of existing contracts for services or collective bargaining
42 rights pursuant to existing agreements. All positions currently at the
43 state university of New York in the unclassified service of the civil
44 service law shall remain in the unclassified service. No services or
45 work on the property described in this act currently performed by public
46 employees or future work that is similar in scope and nature to the work
47 being currently performed by public employees shall be contracted out or
48 privatized by the state university of New York or by an affiliated enti-
49 ty or associated entity of the state university of New York. All such
50 future work shall be performed by public employees.

51 § 6. For the purposes of this act: (a) "project" shall mean work at
52 the property authorized by this act to be leased to Farmingdale state
53 development corporation as described in section twelve of this act that
54 involves the design, construction, reconstruction, demolition, exca-
55 vation, rehabilitation, repair, renovation, alteration or improvement of
56 Farmingdale state development corporation property.

1 (b) "project labor agreement" shall mean a pre-hire collective
2 bargaining agreement between a contractor and a labor organization,
3 establishing the labor organization as the collective bargaining repre-
4 sentative for all persons who will perform work on the project, and
5 which provides that only contractors and subcontractors who sign a pre-
6 negotiated agreement with the labor organization can perform project
7 work.

8 § 7. Nothing in this act shall be deemed to waive or impair any rights
9 or benefits of employees of the state university of New York that other-
10 wise would be available to them pursuant to the terms of agreements
11 between the certified representatives of such employees and the state of
12 New York pursuant to article 14 of the civil service law; all work
13 performed on such property that ordinarily would be performed by employ-
14 ees subject to article 14 of the civil service law shall continue to be
15 performed by such employees.

16 § 8. Notwithstanding the provisions of any general, special, or local
17 law or judicial decision to the contrary, Farmingdale state development
18 corporation shall require the use of a project labor agreement, as
19 defined in subdivision 1 of section 222 of the labor law, for all
20 contractors and subcontractors on the project, consistent with paragraph
21 (a) of subdivision 2 of section 222 of the labor law.

22 § 9. Without limiting the determination of the terms and conditions of
23 such contracts or leases, such terms and conditions may provide for
24 leasing, subleasing, construction, reconstruction, rehabilitation,
25 improvement, operation and management of and provision of services and
26 assistance and the granting of licenses, easements and other arrange-
27 ments with regard to such grounds and facilities by Farmingdale state
28 development corporation, and parties contracting with Farmingdale state
29 development corporation, and in connection with such activities, the
30 obtaining of funding or financing, whether public or private, unsecured
31 or secured (including, but not limited to, secured by leasehold mort-
32 gages and assignments of rents and leases), by Farmingdale state devel-
33 opment corporation and parties contracting with Farmingdale state devel-
34 opment corporation for the purposes of completing the project described
35 in this act.

36 § 10. Such lease shall include an indemnity provision whereby the
37 lessee or sublessee promises to indemnify, hold harmless and defend the
38 lessor against all claims, suits, actions, and liability to all persons
39 on the leased premises, including tenant, tenant's agents, contractors,
40 subcontractors, employees, customers, guests, licensees, invitees and
41 members of the public, for damage to any such person's property, whether
42 real or personal, or for personal injuries arising out of tenant's use
43 or occupation of the demised premises.

44 § 11. Any contracts entered into pursuant to this act between the
45 ground lessee and parties contracting with the ground lessee shall be
46 awarded by a competitive process.

47 § 12. The property authorized by this act to be leased to Farmingdale
48 state development corporation is generally described as that parcel of
49 real property with improvements thereon consisting of a total of 9.26
50 acres situated on the campus of the State University of New York at
51 Farmingdale. The description in this section of the parcel to be made
52 available pursuant to this act is not meant to be a legal description,
53 but is intended only to identify the parcel:

54 All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and
55 being at Melville, Town of Huntington, County of Suffolk and State of
56 New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

1 BEGINNING at the corner formed by the intersection of the southerly side
2 of Melville Road with the westerly side of Route 110 (Broad Hollow
3 Road).
4 Running Thence the following 12 (twelve) courses and distances:
5 1. Southerly, along the westerly side of Route 110, along the arc of a
6 curve, bearing to the right, having a radius of 5629.58 feet and a
7 length of 241.37 feet;
8 2. Still along said side, South 18 degrees 09 minutes 05 seconds West, a
9 distance of 121.11 feet;
10 3. Westerly, North 56 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of
11 100.00 feet;
12 4. Southerly, South 15 degrees 47 minutes 32 seconds West, a distance of
13 125.97 feet;
14 5. Westerly, North 56 degrees 29 minutes 30 seconds West, a distance of
15 545.14 feet;
16 6. Still westerly, North 56 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds West, a
17 distance of 382.45 feet;
18 7. Still westerly, North 56 degrees 57 minutes 00 seconds West, a
19 distance of 300 feet, to the southerly side of Melville Road;
20 8. Easterly, along said side, along the arc of a curve, bearing to the
21 right, having a radius of 512.54 feet, and a length of 485.98 feet;
22 9. Still along said side, South 66 degrees 50 minutes 52 seconds East, a
23 distance of 196.45 feet;
24 10. Still along said side, along the arc of a curve, bearing to the
25 left, having a radius of 1313.24 feet and a length of 274.97 feet;
26 11. Still along said side, South 78 degrees 50 minutes 40 seconds East,
27 a distance of 228.40 feet;
28 12. Still along said side, South 45 degrees 52 minutes 29 seconds East,
29 a distance of 130.39 feet, to the westerly side of Route 110, at the
30 Point or Place of BEGINNING.
31 Containing within said bounds an area of 9.26 acres more or less.
32 Subject to all existing easements and restrictions of record.
33 § 13. The state university of New York shall not lease lands described
34 in this act unless any such lease shall be executed within 5 years of
35 the effective date of this act.
36 § 14. Insofar as the provisions of this act are inconsistent with the
37 provisions of any law, general, special or local, the provisions of this
38 act shall be controlling.
39 § 15. This act shall take effect immediately.