HOUSE No. 4894

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, July 27, 2020.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the Bill relative to clean energy generation at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School (House, No. 4182), reports recommending that the same ought to pass with an amendment substituting therefor the accompanying bill (House, No. 4894).

For the committee,

AARON MICHLEWITZ.

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In the One Hundred and Ninety-First General Court (2019-2020)

An Act relative to clean energy generation at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School.

Whereas, The deferred operation of this act would tend to defeat its purpose, which is to authorize forthwith clean energy generation at the Essex North Shore Agricultural and Technical School, therefore it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section 8 of chapter 463 of the acts of 2004 is hereby amended by adding the following

Notwithstanding the first paragraph of this section or any general or special law to the contrary, the school committee, with the approval of the commissioner of the division as lessor to the district, may lease its interest in portions of the property for periods of up to 25 years if the leases are for the purpose of solar power generation and any associated storage system, which purpose shall be deemed to be related to the district's mission. Any lease for solar power generation shall be subject to review and comment by the inspector general prior to its execution.

² paragraph:-