## BOARD OF LEGISLATORS COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee is in receipt of a proposed Act which, if enacted by your Honorable Board, would authorize the County Attorney to commence an action on behalf of the County of Westchester against Proteus On-Demand Facilities, LLC ("Proteus") relating to a lease agreement for temporary structures (the "Lease"). The temporary structures were designed to lodge sixteenand seventeen-year olds who have been detained as juveniles as a result of New York State's Raise the Age Law ("Raise the Age").

The County and Proteus entered the Lease on August 6, 2018. Under the Lease, the County leased two temporary structures from Proteus, which Proteus agreed to install and annex to Woodfield. The Lease was intended to be used to detain sixteen- and seventeen-year-olds who, as a result of Raise the Age, cannot be detained in the Westchester County Jail. The Lease runs through Friday, September 1, 2023, with the County obligated to make nineteen additional monthly lease payments of \$69,000, for a total expense of \$1,311,000.00.

Experience has proved that the temporary structures are unfit for purpose. The County Attorney has therefore recommended commencing an action for a court order (i) to enforce the County's rights; and (ii) for such other relief as is necessary to wind up tertiary disputes related to the Lease.

Your Committee concurs with the County Attorney and the Commissioner of the Department of Probation, Rocco Pozzi, and therefore recommends that the Board approve the accompanying Act authorizing the County Attorney to initiate such legal action against Proteus On-Demand Facilities, LLC.

An affirmative vote of a majority of the Board is required to pass this Act.

Dated: White Plains, New York January 31, 2022

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Dated: January 31st, 2022 White Plains, New York

The following members attended the meeting remotely, pursuant to Chapter 1 of New York State Laws of 2022, and approved this item out of Committee with an affirmative vote. Their electronic signature was authorized and is below.

Committee(s) on:

**Budget & Appropriations** 

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**Law & Major Contracts** 

Catherine F. Parker

## **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

SUBJECT: Civil Litigation to Void Lease (Proteus) NO FISCAL IMPACT PROJECTED

OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (To be completed by operating department and reviewed by Budget Department)		
A)  GENERAL FUND AIRPORT SPECIAL REVENUE FUND (Districts)		
B) EXPENSES AND REVENUES		
Total Current Year Cost \$ <u>-0</u>		
Total Current Year Revenue \$		
Source of Funds (check one): Current Appropriations		
☐ Transfer of Existing Appropriations ☐ Additional Appropriations ☐ Other (explain)		
Identify Accounts: 101-39 2000:2200-4380		
Potential Related Operating Budget Expenses: Annual Amount \$		
Describe:		
Potential Related Revenues: Annual Amount \$		
Describe:		
Anticipated Savings to County and/or Impact on Department Operations:		
Current Year:		
Next Four years:		
Prepared by: Sean T. Carey  Reviewed By:		
Title: Senior Assistant County Attorney Budget Department		
Department: <u>Law</u>		
If you need more space, please attach additional sheets.		

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to commence an action on behalf of the County of Westchester against Proteus On-Demand Facilities, LLC relating to a lease agreement for temporary structures.

BE IT ENACTED by the Board of Legislators of the County of Westchester as follows:

- 1. The County Attorney is authorized to commence an action on behalf of the County of Westchester against Proteus On-Demand Facilities, LLC relating to a lease agreement for temporary structures.
- 2. The County Attorney or her designee be and hereby is authorized to execute and deliver all documents and take such actions as the County Attorney deems necessary and desirable to accomplish the purposes hereof.
  - 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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WESTCHESTER COUNTY	)	

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have compared the foregoing Act, Act No. 8 - 2022, with the original on file in my office, and that the same is a correct transcript therefrom, and of the whole, of the said original Act, which was duly adopted by the County Board of Legislators, of the County of Westchester on February 7, 2022, and approved by the County Executive on February 9, 2022.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Corporate Seal of said County Board of Legislators on this 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2022.

Malika Vanderberg

The Clerk of the Westchester County Board of Legislators

County of Westchester, New York

