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HOUSE BILL 141

Short Title: State Parks Study Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives N. J. Crawford, DeVane, Foster; Bowman, Colton, J.W. Crawford, Greenwood, Miller, Nesbitt, and Smith.

Referred to: Rules.

February 21, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE A STUDY COMMISSION ON STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is created a Study Commission on State Parks and Recreation Areas to be composed of nine members, three Senators to be appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, three Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House, and three public members to be appointed by the Governor. Appointments to the Study Commission shall be made within 30 days subsequent to the adjournment of the General Assembly in 1991. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each designate a cochair from their appointees. Either cochair may call the first meeting of the Study Commission. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the Study Commission may hold its meetings in the legislative buildings.

Sec. 2. The Study Commission is authorized:

- (1) To identify the needs of State Parks and Recreation Areas;
- (2) To collect and evaluate reports and recommendations of various agencies, councils, and associations relating to State Parks and Recreation Areas;
- (3) To review and evaluate the North Carolina Park Authority and the Park Fund, if legislation is enacted to establish the Park Authority and Fund, and to recommend any revision in the legislation;

1 (4) To review and formulate proposed legislation to address the needs of
2 the Parks System; and

3 (5) To study any other issues pertinent to the State Parks and Recreation
4 System.

5 Sec. 3. With the prior approval of the Legislative Services Commission, the
6 Study Commission shall use available employees, both secretarial and professional, of
7 the General Assembly or may employ necessary personnel as the Study Commission
8 deems proper. The cochairs may assign and direct the activities of the employees,
9 subject to the advice of the Study Commission. The Department of Environment,
10 Health, and Natural Resources and any other departments, boards, or associations shall
11 assist the Study Commission and furnish any information or expertise requested.

12 Sec. 4. The Study Commission shall file a written report of its findings and
13 recommendations with the presiding officers of the House of Representatives and the
14 Senate on or before the convening of the 1993 Session of the General Assembly.

15 Sec. 5. Members of the Study Commission shall serve without compensation,
16 but they shall be paid per diem and travel expenses in accordance with G.S. 138-5.
17 Members who are legislators shall be reimbursed for travel and subsistence in
18 accordance with G.S. 120-3.1.

19 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly
20 the sum of \$25,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year and the sum of \$20,000 for the 1992-93
21 fiscal year for the expenses of the Study Commission on State Parks and Recreation
22 Areas.

23 Sec. 7. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.