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SENATE BILL 333

Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources Committee Substitute Adopted 3/14/95

Short Title: Run Hill State Natural Area.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 8, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF RUN HILL STATE NATURAL AREA TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM.

Whereas, Section 5 of Article XIV of the State Constitution states that it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve park, recreational, and scenic areas and, in every other appropriate way, to preserve as a part of the common heritage of this State its open lands and places of beauty; and

Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987, declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeological, geological, biological, scenic, and recreational resources, and that such resources are part of the heritage of the people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their use and for the use of their visitors and descendants; and

Whereas, Run Hill in Dare County is one of the last remaining examples of a large, active dune formation; is an essential part of the Jockeys Ridge/Nags Head Woods ecosystem; and has been found to possess geological and biological resources of statewide significance; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources to add the Run Hill State Natural Area to the State Parks

1 System. This act authorizes the addition of the Run Hill State Natural Area to the State
2 Parks System as provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b), except that in lieu of an appropriation for
3 this purpose, the Run Hill State Natural Area shall be added to the State Parks System
4 upon the acquisition of the land required for the Run Hill State Natural Area with funds
5 approved for this purpose by the Natural Heritage Trust Fund Board of Trustees under
6 G.S. 113-77.9.

7 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.