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SENATE BILL 231*

Short Title: State Parks Study Commission.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Sherron, Cochran, Shaw, Tally, Winner; Block, Carpenter, Daniel, Hardin, Hunt of Durham, Hunt of Moore, Kaplan, Marvin, Sands, and Walker.

Referred to: Rules.

February 22, 1989

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 1989. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House shall each designate a cochairman from their appointees. Either cochairman 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:

- (a) To identify the needs of State Parks and Recreation Areas;
- (b) To collect and evaluate reports and recommendations of various agencies, councils, and associations relating to State Parks and Recreation Areas;
- (c) To study the recreation potential of the Randleman Dam area and its possible inclusion in the State Parks System;
- (d) To review and formulate recommended legislation; and

1 (e) To study any other issues pertinent to the State Parks and Recreation
2 System.

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

10 Sec. 4. The Study Commission shall file a written report of its findings and
11 recommendations with the presiding officer of the House of Representatives and the
12 Senate on or before the convening of the 1991 Session of the General Assembly.

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

17 Sec. 6. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General Assembly
18 the sum of twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year for the
19 expenses of the Study Commission on State Parks and Recreation Areas.

20 Sec. 7. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.