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SENATE BILL 535
PROPOSED COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTE S535-PCS15339-BR-14

Short Title: Authorize State Park/Clarify Corps Name. (Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

April 3, 2019

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF PISGAH VIEW STATE PARK TO THE
3 STATE PARKS SYSTEM AND TO CLARIFY THE STATUTES DEALING WITH
4 CONSERVATION CORPS NORTH CAROLINA.

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

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

14 Whereas, areas within southwest Buncombe County and Haywood County support a
15 number of unique habitats and natural communities, contain high-quality cliffs, coves, and
16 upland forests, and are home to several rare or uncommon plant and animal species; and

17 Whereas, this region possesses biological, geological, scenic, and recreational
18 resources of statewide significance; Now, therefore,
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Natural and
21 Cultural Resources to add Pisgah View State Park in Buncombe and Haywood Counties to the
22 State Parks System as provided in G.S. 143B-135.54(b).

23 **SECTION 2.** The State may receive donations of appropriate land and may purchase
24 other needed lands for Pisgah View State Park with existing funds in the Clean Water
25 Management Trust Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Trust
26 Fund, and other available sources of funding.

27 **SECTION 3.** G.S. 143-58.7 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 143-58.7. Contracts with ~~Youth~~ Conservation Corps.**

29 State departments, institutions, and agencies may contract with the ~~North Carolina Youth~~
30 Conservation Corps North Carolina to perform trail construction and maintenance, invasive
31 species removal, and other conservation projects in State parks, State forests, and other
32 State-owned facilities where the projects provide direct public benefits to the citizens of the State
33 and offer youth and young adults of the State a structured program that connects them to natural
34 resources and teaches job skills, leadership, community service, and personal responsibility.
35 Contracts under this section are exempt from the competitive bidding procedures described in
36 this Article and the rules adopted under it."



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SECTION 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.