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HOUSE BILL DRH10112-MH-92

Short Title:	Create/Fund Brushy Mtns. State Natural Area.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Representative Eddins.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

2 AN ACT TO CREATE AND FUND THE BRUSHY MOUNTAINS STATE NATURAL AREA 3 IN ALEXANDER, CALDWELL, AND WILKES COUNTIES. 4

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Creation. – The General Assembly authorizes the Department of 6 Natural and Cultural Resources to create Brushy Mountains State Natural Area (BMSNA) in Alexander County, Caldwell County, and Wilkes County and to add BMSNA to the State Parks 7 8 System, as provided in G.S. 143B-135.54(b). The State may receive donations of appropriate 9 land and may purchase other needed lands for BMSNA with existing funds in the NC Land and Water Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Conservation 10 11 Fund, and other available sources of funding.

12 SECTION 2. Funding. - There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars 13 14 (\$250,000) in nonrecurring funds and two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in recurring 15 funds for the 2025-2026 fiscal year to be allocated for initial land acquisition and site 16 development and associated operating costs at BMSNA.

17 **SECTION 3.** Effective Date. – Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 2025. 18 The remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.



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