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Short Title: DOT Study of State Parks & Trails Signage.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Unknown (Primary Sponsor).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN
3 CONJUNCTION WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES, TO STUDY THE USE OF
4 HIGHWAY SIGNAGE AS A MEANS OF IMPROVING NORTH CAROLINA
5 RESIDENTS' AND TOURISTS' AWARENESS OF STATE PARKS AND TRAILS IN
6 THIS STATE, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE LRC STUDY COMMITTEE ON
7 CULTURAL AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 **SECTION 1.** The Department of Transportation, in conjunction with the State
10 Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the
11 Department of Commerce, and Friends of the Mountains to Sea Trail, Inc., a nonprofit
12 corporation, shall study the use of highway signage as a means of improving the North Carolina
13 Residents' and Tourists' awareness of State parks, including the Mountains to Sea Trail. The
14 study shall include an examination of at least all of the following:

- 15 (1) Whether signs currently located on or near highways in this State are
16 sufficient in number, location, and size and presentation, to make travelers
17 on the highways of this State aware of the existence and location of all State
18 parks, including the Mountains to Sea Trail.
- 19 (2) Whether signs currently located on or near highways in this State adequately
20 inform travelers that portions of the roads they travel on are part of the
21 current route of the Mountains to Sea Trail.
- 22 (3) What measures could be taken to improve the efficacy of highway signage in
23 achieving the goals described in subdivisions (1) and (2) of this section.
- 24 (4) What the costs and benefits of implementing the measures described in
25 subdivision (3) of this section would be.

26 **SECTION 2.** No later than May 1, 2015, the Department of Transportation shall
27 report the results of the study required by this act to the chairs of the Joint Legislative
28 Transportation Oversight Committee and to the Fiscal Research Division.

29 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

