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# HOUSE BILL 97: 2015 Appropriations Act, Sec. 14.31: Study Further Efficiencies in Organization of Department of Natural and Cultural Resources and Department of Environmental Quality

**Committee:**  
**Introduced by:**  
**Analysis of:** Sec. 14.31 of S.L. 2015-241

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**SUMMARY:** *Sec. 14.31 of S.L. 2015-241 directs the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, the Department of Cultural Resources, and the Wildlife Resources Commission to jointly study and report to the General Assembly no later than April 1, 2016, on the potential for efficiency, cost savings, and alignment of core mission and values from transferring the following divisions or programs to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources:*

- *Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Partnership.*
- *Coastal Reserves Program.*
- *Office of Land and Water Stewardship.*
- *All or a portion of the Office of Environmental Education and Public Affairs.*
- *Division of Marine Fisheries.*
- *Wildlife Resources Commission.*

*This section became effective July 1, 2015.*

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