



**This Bill Analysis reflects the contents of the bill as it was presented in committee.**

# SENATE BILL 719: Jacob Fork State Natural Area Authorization.

2017-2018 General Assembly

<b>Committee:</b>	Senate Agriculture/Environment/Natural Resources. If favorable, re-refer to Rules and Operations of the Senate	<b>Date:</b>	May 24, 2018
<b>Introduced by:</b>	Sen. Wells	<b>Prepared by:</b>	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
<b>Analysis of:</b>	PCS to First Edition S719-CSBR-1		

**OVERVIEW:** *The Proposed Committee Substitute (PCS) for Senate Bill 719 would authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add Jacob Fork State Natural Area to the State Parks System.*

**CURRENT LAW:** G.S. 143B-135.54 provides that DNCR may add a State park, State natural area, State recreation area, State trail, State river, or State lake to the State Parks System upon authorization by an act of the General Assembly.

**BILL ANALYSIS:** The PCS to Senate Bill 719 would authorize DNCR to add Jacob Fork State Natural Area to the State Parks System as provided in G.S. 143B-135.54.

The act also authorizes the State to receive donations of land and to purchase other needed lands for the Jacob Fork State Natural Area. Funds for land purchases would come from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Trust Fund, and other available sources of funding.

The act includes a \$100,000 appropriation to DNCR to implement the provisions of this act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act would be effective when it becomes law.

**BACKGROUND:** See attached documents provided by DNCR's Division of Parks and Recreation.

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