

## SENATE BILL 99: Appropriations Act of 2018, Sec. 13A.1: Outdoor Heritage Council Revisions

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OVERVIEW: The Outdoor Heritage Advisory Council (Council) is statutorily charged with the promotion of outdoor recreational activities as well as oversight, along with the Wildlife Resources Commission (WRC), of a plan for development and implementation of the Outdoor Heritage Trust Fund for Youth Outdoor Heritage Promotion (Fund). Section 13A.1 of S.L. 2018-5 makes the following revisions to the statutes providing for the creation and operation of the Council:

- Removes limitations on consecutive terms by Council members and on the length of term of the initial chair of the Council.
- Allows expense reimbursements for Council members to be provided from the Fund.
- Sets out more specifically the categories of support for Council operations to be provided by the WRC.
- Exempts the Council from State purchase and contract requirements for the procurement of goods and services.
- Adds an annual reporting requirement for the Council of its activities and use of donated and appropriated funds to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources.
- Directs the WRC to allow check-off donations in any amount to the Fund. Previously, the check-off amount had been limited to no more than \$2.

This section became effective July 1, 2018.

