



SENATE BILL 390: DuPont State Forest-Financial Study.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 390 would direct the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to study DuPont State Recreational Forest's operating model and create a plan to ensure a sustainable revenue stream for the Forest.*

BILL ANALYSIS: This bill would direct the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (Department) to study the finances and operating model of DuPont State Recreational Forest (Forest) and create a plan for a sustainable income stream to preserve and protect the Forest. The Department should, at minimum, include the following in its study:

- A financial model based on data from North Carolina and other states.
- An entry fee that favors North Carolina citizens and requires out-of-state visitors to contribute in proportion to their use of taxpayer-funded facilities and amenities within the Forest.
- A recommendation for legislation needed to ensure that Forest receipts are used only for the Forest's capital, maintenance, and operational needs.
- Recommendations for capital projects or operational changes needed to improve safety concerning roadside parking.

The Department would be directed to report its findings to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division by February 1, 2020.

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

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