



SENATE BILL 535: Authorize State Park/Clarify Corps Name.

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OVERVIEW: *Senate Bill 535 would authorize the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add Pisgah View State Park to the State Parks System, and would update the General Statutes to reflect a conservation group's name change.*

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS:

Pursuant to G.S. 143B-135.54(b), DNCR may add a State park to the State Parks System upon authorization by an act of the General Assembly accompanied by adequate authorization and appropriation for land acquisition, development, and operations.

Sections 1 and 2 of the PCS would authorize DNCR to add Pisgah State View Park, in Buncombe and Haywood Counties, to the State Parks System. The State would be permitted to receive donations of appropriate land, or purchase other needed lands for Pisgah View State Park with existing funds from the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Trust Fund, or other available sources of funding.

G.S. 143-58.7, authorizes State departments, institutions, and agencies to contract with the "North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps" to perform trail maintenance and related activities in State parks, forest, and other State-owned facilities where the projects provide direct public benefits to the citizens of the State and offer youth and young adults of the State a structured program connected to natural resources that teaches job skills, leadership, community service, and personal responsibility. In early 2019, the North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps changed its name to "Conservation Corps North Carolina."

Section 3 would update the General Statutes to reflect the name change from "North Carolina Youth Conservation Corps" to the "Conservation Corps North Carolina."

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

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