



HOUSE BILL 130: East Coast Greenway/State Trails.

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Committee:		Date:	February 7, 2022
Introduced by:		Prepared by:	Kyle Evans Staff Attorney
Analysis of:	S.L. 2021-54		

OVERVIEW: *Session Law 2021-54 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to add the East Coast Greenway to the State Parks System as a State trail.*

This act became effective June 25, 2021.

BILL ANALYSIS:

S.L. 2021-54 authorizes the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to add the East Coast Greenway to the State Parks System as a State trail, and directs DNCR to support, promote, encourage, and facilitate the establishment of trail segments on State park lands and on lands of other federal, State, local, and private landowners. On segments of the trail that cross property controlled by agencies or owners other than DNCR, the laws, rules, and policies of those agencies or owners govern the use of the property. This addition is not required to be accompanied by an appropriation, but the State can receive donations of appropriate land and can purchase other needed lands for the trail with existing funds in the Clean Water Management Trust Fund, the Parks and Recreation Trust Fund, the federal Land and Water Conservation Fund, and other available sources of funding.

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BACKGROUND:

The East Coast Greenway is a walking and biking route stretching the 3000 miles from Maine to Florida, connecting the nation's most populated corridor.

The North Carolina portion of the East Coast Greenway has a spine route that connects Durham, Raleigh, Fayetteville, and Wilmington. The complementary route along the coast connects Elizabeth City, Greenville, New Bern, Jacksonville, and Wilmington.

This background information was provided by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.

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