

## HOUSE BILL 259: 2023 Appropriations Act, Sec. 14.5: Saluda Grade Rail Corridor

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OVERVIEW: Section 14.5 of S.L. 2023-134 appropriates funds to the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to provide a grant to the Saluda Grade Trails Conservancy (Conservancy) for the purchase of the Saluda Grade rail corridor in Henderson and Polk Counties. DNCR must enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservancy regarding the long-term ownership structure, management, and improvement of the rail corridor. DNCR also must provide an interim report and a final report to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources and the Fiscal Research Division regarding the acquisition of the Saluda Grade rail corridor. DNCR can add the trail established on the Saluda Grade rail corridor to the State Parks System as a State trail.

This section became effective July 1, 2023.

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