

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1955

Short Title: Toxaway River Study.

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Sponsors: Representatives Colton; N. Crawford, Nesbitt, and Greenwood.

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Referred to: Rules.

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May 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND  
2 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT, DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION,  
3 TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF INCLUDING THE THOMPSON,  
4 TOXAWAY, AND WHITEWATER RIVERS AREA WITHIN THE STATE  
5 PARKS AND THE SCENIC RIVERS SYSTEMS.  
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7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 Section 1. The Department of Natural Resources and Community  
9 Development, Division of Parks and Recreation, shall conduct a study and engage in  
10 preliminary planning to determine the feasibility and costs of designating the  
11 Thompson, Toxaway, and Whitewater rivers area of North Carolina as part of the State  
12 Parks System. In conducting the study and preliminary planning, the Division shall, at a  
13 minimum:

- 14 (1) Determine the eligibility and feasibility of including the Thompson,  
15 Toxaway, and Whitewater rivers area under the State Parks Act,  
16 Article 2C, Chapter 113 of the General Statutes, and under the Natural  
17 and Scenic Rivers Act of 1979, Article 3, Chapter 113A of the General  
18 Statutes;  
19 (2) Provide for public participation in the study to obtain views and  
20 information on public needs and desires regarding protection and use  
21 of the area;  
22 (3) Make recommendations for the protection of natural resources of the  
23 area;  
24 (4) Make recommendations for recreational use of the area;

- 1           (5) Consider the presence and jurisdiction of other natural resource  
2           agencies in the area;
- 3           (6) Describe the resources of the area and their current uses, identify  
4           conflicts created by those uses, and propose solutions to the conflicts;  
5           and
- 6           (7) Consider the adjacent Horsepasture River area which is currently  
7           designated a State natural river.

8           Sec. 2. The Department of Natural Resources and Community Development,  
9           Division of Parks and Recreation, shall report the results of its study and preliminary  
10          planning to the 1989 General Assembly by January 31, 1991. The Division shall deliver  
11          copies of the report to the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
12          Representatives, the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, and the Speaker Pro Tempore  
13          of the House of Representatives. The Division shall also deliver copies of its report to  
14          the Governor, and to the cochairmen of the Study Commission on State Parks and  
15          Recreation Areas if that Study Commission is in existence at that time.

16          Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
17          Natural Resources and Community Development, Division of Parks and Recreation,  
18          \$75,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year to be used to conduct the study and preliminary  
19          planning required by Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

20          Sec. 4. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.