



State of Tennessee

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 497

SENATE BILL NO. 1080

By Roberts, Rose, Pody

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1389

By Todd, Reedy, Hurt

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 69 and Title 70, relative to recreational activities.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1.

(a) The Tennessee advisory commission on intergovernmental relations (TACIR) is directed to perform a study of the following:

(1) Procedural and financial measures necessary to accommodate the increased demand for non-fish and game recreational activities and the resources required to manage such activities by the department of environment and conservation and the Tennessee wildlife resources agency (TWRA);

(2) How TWRA-managed resources are being utilized by non-motorized vessels for non-fish and game related recreational activities, such as paddle boarding, canoeing, tubing, and kayaking;

(3) The accessibility to and funding for all non-fish and game recreational activities;

(4) The annual fees and taxes charged to paddle craft and commercial outfitters in the previous four (4) fiscal years;

(5) Any duplicative fees charged by the department of environment and conservation and the TWRA, and what action may be taken to eliminate such duplicity in fee structures and their regulatory authority generally;

(6) The extent to which customers of non-motorized vessels contribute to revenue derived from the purchase of fishing licenses and registration of watercraft;

(7) The amount of funding needed to manage, sustain, and improve access to and the management of non-motor vehicle activities in this state and what fundraising options are available to support non-fish and game and other similar activities;

(8) What fee structure is most appropriate for recreational users generally, given that the benefits of non-fish and game programs are broader than just outfitters, who are already paying sales tax;

(9) The feasibility of outfitters who pay additional fees to the department of environment and conservation and the TWRA receiving a credit on the sales tax paid on such fees and whether the local option sales tax should be included in the credit; and

(10) What measures the department of environment and conservation and the TWRA can implement to improve their strategic plans, their organizational structures, and the oversight and sustainability of non-fish and game related recreational activities.

(b) All appropriate state departments and agencies shall provide assistance to TACIR in connection with the study required by subsection (a).

(c) TACIR shall submit a report disclosing the findings of the study and recommendations, including any proposed legislation or interim reports, to the general assembly no later than December 31, 2022.

(d) This section is repealed on January 1, 2023.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

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PASSED: May 4, 2021



RANDY McNALLY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



CAMERON SEXTON, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 25th day of may 2021



BILL LEE, GOVERNOR