



# State of Tennessee

## PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 172

SENATE BILL NO. 58

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Substituted for: House Bill No. 94

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4; Title 11; Title 49 and Title 70, relative to the creation of the "Tennessee Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program."

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

SECTION 1. (a) There is established a task force regarding the creation of the Tennessee Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program, which will include promoting opportunities for students with limited access to outdoor education and recreation, including environmental, ecological, agricultural, wildlife, and natural resource-based opportunities.

(b) The Tennessee Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program task force shall be composed of the following members:

(1) The commissioner of environment and conservation, or the commissioner's designee;

(2) The commissioner of education, or the commissioner's designee;

(3) The executive director of the Tennessee wildlife resources agency, or the executive director's designee;

(4) The commissioner of health, or the commissioner's designee;

(5) The commissioner of economic and community development, or the commissioner's designee; and

(6) The commissioner of agriculture, or the commissioner's designee.

(c) The commissioner of environment and conservation, or the commissioner's designee, shall serve as the chair of the task force and shall call the first meeting.

(d) The department of environment and conservation shall provide support services to the task force. The task force is authorized to request and receive assistance from any department, agency, or entity of the state government upon request.

(e) Members of the task force shall serve without compensation and shall not be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses.

(f) The task force is directed to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the speaker of the house of representatives, the speaker of the senate, and the governor no later than July 1, 2020. The findings and recommendations shall include:

(1) Studies and reports regarding the potential benefits of outdoor education and recreation, including increased academic success and improved mental and physical health;

(2) An inventory of any existing grant programs and other existing programs offered to provide access to outdoor education and recreation;

(3) Identification of barriers that prevent students with limited access to outdoor education and recreation from benefitting fully from currently available opportunities; and

(4) The manner in which creation of the Tennessee Outdoor Education and Recreation Grant Program could address the identified barriers or otherwise broaden opportunities for students with limited access to outdoor education and recreation and the priorities and criteria that would enable the program to most successfully target those students including, but not limited to, utilization of:

- (A) State parks and wildlife management areas;
- (B) Public-private partnerships;
- (C) Veteran participation; and
- (D) Quantitative measurement of participation and results.

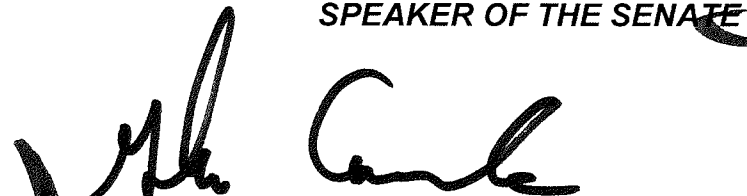
(g) The task force shall cease to exist upon July 1, 2020.

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

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PASSED: April 11, 2019

  
RANDY McNALLY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

  
GLEN CASADA, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April 2019

  
BILL LEE, GOVERNOR