

HOUSE BILL 206

By Coley

AN ACT to make appropriates for the purpose of studying ecological tourism. This act makes appropriations for studying ecological tourism for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2009.

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

SECTION 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the "Ecological Tourism Act of 2009".

SECTION 2. The General Assembly finds that ecological tourism is an important and growing industry both nationally and in the state of Tennessee. As such, the board of regents is encouraged to study the developing area of ecological tourism in the state.

SECTION 3. There is hereby appropriated the sum of \$300,000 to the University of Memphis, Earth Sciences Department, for the sole purpose of funding a study on the development of ecological tourism in the state of Tennessee.

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.