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Referred to Committee on PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS

Introduced by:
(PRI)

AN ACT IMPLEMENTING THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE PROGRAM REVIEW AND INVESTIGATIONS COMMITTEE CONCERNING THE PERFORMANCE OF CONNECTICUT'S STATE PARKS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Not later than December 31,
2 2014, and annually thereafter, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation,
3 within the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, shall
4 develop a results-based accountability report card in accordance with
5 guidelines established by the joint standing committee of the General
6 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to appropriations and
7 the budgets of state agencies. Such report card shall include measures
8 regarding: (1) Park use, including, but not limited to, attendance,
9 safety and patron satisfaction, and (2) park operations, including but
10 not limited to, planning, facilities and personnel. Any such report card
11 shall be submitted to the joint standing committees of the General
12 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to the environment
13 and appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. The Department

14 of Energy and Environmental Protection shall post any such report
15 card on the department's Internet web site.

16 Sec. 2. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) In administering the budget for
17 the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation, within the Department of Energy
18 and Environmental Protection, the Commissioner of Energy and
19 Environmental Protection shall develop a program that enables any
20 state park to retain any savings that the personnel of such park realize
21 for such state park within the nonpersonal services portion of such
22 budget for such state park. Such retained funds may be used for the
23 maintenance and operations of such state park.

24 Sec. 3. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) Biennially, the Commissioner
25 of Energy and Environmental Protection shall develop a budget
26 request of the General Assembly for the Department of Energy and
27 Environmental Protection that relies upon the receipt of not less than
28 twenty-five per cent and not more than fifty per cent of state park
29 generated revenues for the funding of such state parks in addition to
30 any amount of state revenues budgeted for such parks in the previous
31 biennial state budget. Concomitantly, the Bureau of Outdoor
32 Recreation, within the Department of Energy and Environmental
33 Protection, shall develop a plan for the use of such state park
34 generated revenues that distributes such revenues in a manner that
35 balances the needs of the entire state park system with the needs of the
36 state parks that generated such revenues. Such plan shall be submitted
37 to the joint standing committees of the General Assembly having
38 cognizance of matters relating to the environment and appropriations
39 and the budgets of state agencies.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 2	<i>from passage</i>	New section
Sec. 3	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To implement the recommendations of the Program Review and Investigations Committee concerning the performance of Connecticut's state parks.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]