

Department of Planning and Budget 2018 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB669

House of Origin Introduced Substitute Engrossed
Second House In Committee Substitute Enrolled

2. Patron: Kilgore

3. Committee: Passed Both Houses.

4. Title: Property conveyance; Department of Conservation and Recreation; Natural Tunnel State Park.

5. Summary: This bill authorizes the Department of Conservation and Recreation to accept, without consideration, certain real property in Scott County measuring approximately 1.85 acres in total.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Final.

8. Fiscal Implications: It is anticipated that any fiscal impact, including due diligence costs, related to the acceptance of this property can be absorbed in current resources by the Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR). Item 363, paragraph G, of HB30/SB30 prohibits DCR from initiating or accepting new lands for use as a state park or natural area preserve without a specific appropriation for such purpose by the General Assembly. The language does authorize the department to acquire land adjacent to the parks and natural areas listed in Items C-25 and C-26 provided such acquisitions will not result in increased operating expenses by the department.

Item C-25 of HB30/SB30 provides appropriation for DCR to acquire land contiguous to specific state parks. These parks include Hungry Mother, Kiptopeke, Lake Anna, Mayo River, New River Trail, Westmoreland, Seven Bends, False Cape, and York River State Parks. This bill will provide for the acquisition of property contiguous to Natural Tunnel State Park; this park is not included in the authorized list in Item C-25 of HB30/SB30.

House amendments to HB30/SB30 add Natural Tunnel State Park to the list of parks in Item C-25.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: Department of Conservation and Recreation.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: None.