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## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 54

*Establishing a joint subcommittee to study the feasibility of developing Douthat State Park into a regional, multi-purpose, recreational facility.*

Agreed to by the Senate, February 13, 1996

Agreed to by the House of Delegates, February 29, 1996

WHEREAS, the Alleghany Highlands Region, which includes the County of Alleghany and the City of Clifton Forge, has embarked upon an aggressive approach to economic development; and

WHEREAS, the region's economic development program includes all facets of industrial and service sector development, each aimed at enhancing employment opportunities within the region; and

WHEREAS, the successful recruitment of new investment must include a comprehensive analysis of quality of life characteristics within the community; and

WHEREAS, Douthat State Park, within the Alleghany Highlands, has played a central role in the life of the surrounding region; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED by the Senate, the House of Delegates concurring, That a joint subcommittee be established to study the feasibility of developing Douthat State Park into a regional, multi-purpose, recreational facility. The joint subcommittee shall examine ways to (i) convert the park to a multi-purpose facility offering golf, horseback riding, enhanced and expanded food service and lodging, and other alternative recreational programs, (ii) attract visitors, and (iii) meet the conference and meeting needs of existing and touring organizations. The study should also analyze the possibility of offering such services, except for relinquishment of ownership, through privatization and creative public-private partnerships.

The joint subcommittee shall be composed of 12 members as follows: 3 members of the Senate to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; 4 members of the House of Delegates to be appointed by the Speaker of the House; and 5 citizen members representing the Alleghany Highlands Region, 2 to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections and 3 to be appointed by the Speaker of the House.

The direct costs of this study shall not exceed \$6,200.

The Division of Legislative Services shall provide staff support for the study. All agencies of the Commonwealth shall provide assistance to the joint subcommittee, upon request.

The joint subcommittee shall complete its work in time to submit its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the 1997 Session of the General Assembly as provided in the procedures of the Division of Legislative Automated Systems for the processing of legislative documents.

Implementation of this resolution is subject to subsequent approval and certification by the Joint Rules Committee. The Committee may withhold expenditures or delay the period for the conduct of the study.

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