

**PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 857**

**SENATE BILL NO. 3666**

**By Watson**

Substituted for: House Bill No. 3909

By Lynn

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 11, Chapter 3, Part 1, relative to the master plan for state parks.

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

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 11-3-120, is amended by deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Section 11-3-120.

(a) The Department of Environment and Conservation is hereby directed to formulate a long-range plan, hereinafter referred to as a "management plan" for each state park. Each such management plan shall include the following:

- (1) Funding requirements for state parks and an analysis of whether the revenue-generating facilities on the park are self-sustaining;
- (2) Facilities preservation, maintenance and utilization;
- (3) Management and personnel staffing, training, compensation and professional development;
- (4) Preservation, development and expansion of existing and new park resources and facilities;
- (5) Educational programming; and
- (6) Land acquisition.

(b) Each management plan shall include goals and projections for state parks for the next ten (10) years and shall be updated every five (5) years by the department. Each management plan shall be posted on the department's Web site. Prior to updating each management plan, the department shall conduct public hearings after public notice has been given in accordance with Title 8, Chapter 44. Public hearings shall be conducted in each park or in the vicinity of each park regarding any update to the management plan. Notice of these public hearings shall be given to any friends groups or other groups with a particular interest in the

particular park. The department shall consider all written and oral comments received in these hearings and shall document its responses to such comments. The department shall submit by March 1 of each year, to the House Conservation and Environment Committee and the Senate Environment, Conservation and Tourism Committee, a report outlining any major deviations from the management plans in the previous year and the reasons therefore.

(c) The department shall not commence construction on any new capital project which costs in excess of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in any state park if it is not provided for in the park's current management plan and the project has been approved by the State Building Commission. The construction costs for such new capital projects other than those provided for in the management plan shall not be funded until the management plan is appropriately updated.

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

**PASSED: April 19, 2010**



RON RAMSEY  
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

**APPROVED this 30th day of April 2010**



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR