

1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to citizen support organizations;
3 amending s. 20.2551, F.S.; requiring that contracts
4 between the department and a citizen support
5 organization include a specified provision; requiring
6 the department to submit a report to the Legislature
7 by a specified date; providing requirements for the
8 report; abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions
9 governing citizen support organizations established
10 under the department; amending s. 258.015, F.S.;
11 abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions
12 governing citizen support organizations established
13 under the department for the benefit of the state park
14 system; amending s. 379.223, F.S.; abrogating the
15 scheduled repeal of provisions governing citizen
16 support organizations established under the Fish and
17 Wildlife Conservation Commission; creating s.
18 379.2231, F.S.; defining the terms "convicted" and
19 "conviction"; authorizing a court to order persons
20 convicted of certain violations to pay an additional
21 assessment; authorizing a specified citizen support
22 organization to post certain rewards; providing an
23 effective date.

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25 Be It Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida:

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27 Section 1. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of
28 section 20.2551, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as
29 subsections (5), (6) and (7), respectively, a new subsection (4)
30 is added to that section, and present subsection (6) is amended,
31 to read:

32 20.2551 Citizen support organizations; use of property;
33 audit; public records; partnerships.—

34 (4) REVERSION OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding s. 20.058(4), a
35 contract between the department and a citizen support
36 organization must include a provision that requires any state
37 funds held in trust by the organization to be transferred to
38 another citizen support organization under the department or
39 revert to the state if the authorizing statute for a citizen
40 support organization is repealed, the contract is terminated, or
41 the organization is dissolved.

42 (7)~~(6)~~ REPORT REPEAL.—By December 1, 2019, the department
43 shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the
44 Speaker of the House of Representatives which examines the
45 financial transparency, accountability, and ethics of its
46 citizen support organizations. The report must:

47 (a) Include audits for the most recent 3 fiscal years for
48 its citizen support organizations that are subject to audit
49 requirements under s. 215.981. An audit conducted after March 1,
50 2019, must be conducted in accordance with government auditing

51 standards.

52 (b) Demonstrate that its citizen support organizations
 53 within the Florida Coastal Office, as of November 1, 2018, are
 54 in compliance with ss. 20.058 and 20.2551.

55 (c) Identify any citizen support organizations under
 56 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) which are not in compliance with
 57 ss. 20.058 and 20.2551 and describe whether the department has
 58 terminated a contract with such organization. ~~This section is~~
 59 ~~repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal~~
 60 ~~by the Legislature.~~

61 Section 2. Subsection (4) of section 258.015, Florida
 62 Statutes, is amended to read:

63 258.015 Citizen support organizations; use of property;
 64 audit.—

65 ~~(4) REPEAL. This section is repealed October 1, 2019,~~
 66 ~~unless reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

67 Section 3. Subsection (4) of section 379.223, Florida
 68 Statutes, is amended to read:

69 379.223 Citizen support organizations; use of state
 70 property; audit.—

71 ~~(4) This section is repealed October 1, 2019, unless~~
 72 ~~reviewed and saved from repeal by the Legislature.~~

73 Section 4. Section 379.2231, Florida Statutes, is created
 74 to read:

75 379.2231 Additional assessment; Wildlife Alert Reward

76 Association, Inc.-

77 (1) As used in this section, the term "convicted" or
78 "conviction" means any judicial disposition other than acquittal
79 or dismissal.

80 (2) In addition to any other penalty provided by law, a
81 court may order a person who is convicted of a violation of this
82 chapter or of a rule or order of the commission to pay an
83 assessment directly to Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc.

84 (3) Wildlife Alert Reward Association, Inc., may pay a
85 reward, from the funds assessed pursuant to subsection (2), to a
86 person who provides information leading to the arrest of an
87 individual or individuals for a violation of this chapter or of
88 a rule or order of the commission.

89 Section 5. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.