

By the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

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1 A bill to be entitled
2 An act relating to the Department of Environmental
3 Protection citizen support organizations; amending s.
4 20.2551, F.S.; requiring that contracts between the
5 department and a citizen support organization include
6 a specified provision; requiring the department to
7 submit a report to the Legislature by a specified
8 date; providing requirements for the report;
9 abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions
10 governing citizen support organizations established
11 under the department; amending s. 258.015, F.S.;
12 abrogating the scheduled repeal of provisions
13 governing citizen support organizations established
14 under the department for the benefit of the state park
15 system; providing an effective date.

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

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19 Section 1. Present subsections (4), (5), and (6) of section
20 20.2551, Florida Statutes, are redesignated as subsections (5),
21 (6) and (7), respectively, a new subsection (4) is added to that
22 section, and present subsection (6) is amended, to read:

23 20.2551 Citizen support organizations; use of property;
24 audit; public records; partnerships.—

25 (4) REVERSION OF FUNDS.—Notwithstanding s. 20.058(4), a
26 contract between the department and a citizen support
27 organization must include a provision that requires any state
28 funds held in trust by the organization to be transferred to
29 another citizen support organization under the department or

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30 revert to the state if the authorizing statute for a citizen
31 support organization is repealed, the contract is terminated, or
32 the organization is dissolved.

33 (7)-(6) REPORT REPEAL.-By December 1, 2019, the department
34 shall submit a report to the President of the Senate and the
35 Speaker of the House of Representatives which examines the
36 financial transparency, accountability, and ethics of its
37 citizen support organizations. The report must:

38 (a) Include audits for the most recent 3 fiscal years for
39 its citizen support organizations that are subject to audit
40 requirements under s. 215.981. An audit conducted after March 1,
41 2019, must be conducted in accordance with government auditing
42 standards.

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

46 (c) Identify any citizen support organizations under
47 paragraph (a) or paragraph (b) which are not in compliance with
48 ss. 20.058 and 20.2551 and describe whether the department has
49 terminated a contract with such organization. This section is
50 repealed October 1, 2019, unless reviewed and saved from repeal
51 by the Legislature.

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

54 258.015 Citizen support organizations; use of property;
55 audit.-

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

58 Section 3. This act shall take effect July 1, 2019.