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[HCR 29](#) (BR 947) - [D. Graham](#), [R. Palumbo](#), [S. Riggs](#)

Establish a Kentucky Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights and declare it to be the public policy of the Commonwealth.

[HCR 29](#) - AMENDMENTS

[SCS](#) - Retain original provisions; encourage public institutions to promote outdoor experiences; replace the statement of public policy with a statement of sentiment of the General Assembly; encourage outdoor activities as a part of childhood development instead of establishing outdoor rights; add farms and agritourism establishments to list of outdoor places to enjoy; replace language regarding living in walking distance of kid-friendly parks with encouragement to enjoy kid-friendly parks; replace language regarding outdoor opportunities at schools with language that encourages activities that develop balanced learning.

[SCA \(1/Title](#), B. Smith) - Make title amendment.

Jan 3-introduced in House

Jan 4-to Health & Welfare (H)

Jan 23-posted in committee

Feb 9-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar

Feb 10-2nd reading, to Rules

Feb 14-posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Thursday, February 16, 2012

Feb 16-3rd reading, adopted 85-14

Feb 21-received in Senate

Feb 23-to Natural Resources & Energy (S)

Mar 21-reported favorably, 1st reading, to Consent Calendar with Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title)

Mar 22-2nd reading, to Rules

Mar 27-posted for passage in the Consent Orders of the Day for Tuesday, March 27, 2012; 3rd reading, adopted 37-0 with Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title)

Mar 28-received in House; to Rules (H)

Mar 29-posted for passage for concurrence in Senate Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title) ; House concurred in Senate Committee Substitute, committee amendment (1-title) ; adopted 93-0; enrolled, signed by Speaker of the House

Mar 30-enrolled, signed by President of the Senate; delivered to Governor

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A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION declaring a Kentucky Children's Outdoor Bill of Rights as public policy of the Commonwealth.

WHEREAS, Kentucky is blessed with an abundance of natural resources for recreation, enjoyment, and the physical, emotional, and education health of its citizens; and

WHEREAS, Kentucky's children are becoming less connected with the natural world around them; and

WHEREAS, numerous studies show that there are considerable health-related, physical, emotional, and educational benefits to playing, exploring, and experiencing Kentucky's outdoor environment; and

WHEREAS, a National No Child Left Inside movement encourages children to reconnect with nature and its outdoor wonders; and

WHEREAS, a non-profit organization named kidsGROWkentucky, Inc. is supported by conservation, health, environmental, and educational professionals, parents, and outdoor recreation and soft adventure outfitters, and is committed to getting Kentucky's kids outdoors; and

WHEREAS, outdoor experience is critical to the physical, emotional, and intellectual development of Kentucky's next generation of leaders, entrepreneurs, and citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE,

Be it resolved by the House of Representatives of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, the Senate concurring therein:

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➔Section 2. It is hereby declared the sentiment of the General Assembly that children in Kentucky, as a part of their childhood development, are encouraged to:

(a) Fish, swim, paddle, ski, wade, splash, or otherwise enjoy a Kentucky stream, creek, river, or lake;

(b) Hike, hunt, bird watch, view elk and other wildlife, and explore Kentucky's natural wilderness areas, parks, trails, woods, natural habitats, farms, and agritourism establishments;

(c) Bike in safe areas and routes to schools, recreation and park areas, neighborhood stores, and shops;

(d) Enjoy kid-friendly parks;

(e) Attend school activities, extracurricular events, and free play opportunities that inspire and hopefully instill a culture of learning that develop balanced right-brain and left-brain learning and that promote the concepts of No Child Left Inside; and

(f) Assist, advise, and promote access to outdoor areas and opportunities.

SENATE

KENTUCKY GENERAL ASSEMBLY AMENDMENT FORM
2012 Regular Session

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Amend printed copy of HCR 29/GA
TITLE AMENDMENT

Amend the title to read "A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION promoting, as a public policy goal of the Commonwealth, enhanced opportunities for outdoor activity for Kentucky's children."

Amendment No. TITLE

Sponsor: Brandon D. Smith

Committee Amendment: _____

Signed: _____

Floor Amendment: _____

LRC Drafter: Kesacavage, Stefan

Adopted: _____

Date: _____

Rejected: _____

Doc. ID: XXXXXX

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