

HOUSE BILL 1821

By Reedy

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 67;
Title 69 and Title 70, relative to Asian carp.

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

SECTION 1.

(a)

(1) By no later than July 1, 2016, the speaker of the senate, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the Tennessee fish and wildlife commission shall establish an advisory task force to review the detrimental effects of invasive Asian carp, and recommend any necessary statutory revisions that should be made to protect the waterways and native species of this state from any such detrimental effects.

(2) The task force shall consist of nine (9) members. The speaker of the senate and the speaker of the house of representatives shall each appoint three (3) members to the advisory task force. The Tennessee fish and wildlife commission shall appoint three (3) members to the advisory task force by majority vote of the commission.

(3) The task force shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor, the speaker of the senate, and the speaker of the house of representatives no later than January 1, 2017.

(b)

(1) The Tennessee wildlife resources agency shall provide administrative support services to the task force created pursuant to this act.

(2) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation, but shall be eligible for reimbursement for travel expenses in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the department of finance and administration and approved by the attorney general and reporter.

(3) The task force shall cease to exist upon completion of the task force's report and recommendations.

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