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# SENATE BILL 1361

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTION 17-298, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA GAME AND FISH COMMISSION HERITAGE FUND.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Section 17-298, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to  
3 read:

4 17-298. Expenditures from fund; purpose and amounts; annual  
5 report

6 A. Monies received pursuant to section 5-572 shall be spent as  
7 follows:

8 1. Five ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT on public access, including maintenance and  
9 operation expenses.

10 2. Sixty ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT on the identification, inventory,  
11 acquisition, protection and management, including maintenance and operations,  
12 of PROPERTY WITH sensitive habitat. At least ~~forty per-cent~~ TWENTY PERCENT  
13 of the monies available under this paragraph shall be spent ~~on the~~  
14 ~~acquisition of~~ TO ACQUIRE PROPERTY WITH sensitive habitat ~~utilized~~ USED by  
15 endangered, threatened and candidate species. NOT MORE THAN TWENTY PERCENT  
16 OF THE MONIES AVAILABLE UNDER THIS PARAGRAPH MAY BE SPENT ON THE OPERATION  
17 AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ACQUIRED PROPERTY, INCLUDING THE ACQUIRED PROPERTY'S  
18 INFRASTRUCTURE. The commission may dispose of any lands acquired for use as  
19 habitat by an endangered, threatened or candidate species under this  
20 paragraph when the species no longer qualifies as an endangered, threatened  
21 or candidate species. The Arizona game and fish commission shall dispose of  
22 the land in a manner consistent with the preservation of the species of  
23 concern. The disposal may include conservation easements and fee simple  
24 transfers with associated instruments of protection. The commission shall  
25 follow the guidelines established pursuant to section 37-803 relating to the  
26 disposition of real property by a state agency. In addition, disposal shall  
27 include a written agreement between the commission and the purchaser  
28 requiring the purchaser to incorporate management actions to ensure proper  
29 maintenance of the species of concern. Management actions may include  
30 maintenance of habitat, selective control of nonnative species, maintenance  
31 of genetic viability, monitoring of populations and habitat, coordinating  
32 conservation activities, funding conservation actions and assessing  
33 conservation progress.

34 3. Fifteen ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT on habitat evaluation or habitat  
35 protection.

36 4. Fifteen ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT on urban wildlife and urban wildlife  
37 habitat programs.

38 5. Five ~~per-cent~~ PERCENT on environmental education.

39 B. All monies earned as interest on monies received pursuant to  
40 section 5-572 shall be spent only in the percentages and for the purposes  
41 described in subsection A of this section or for costs of administering the  
42 Arizona game and fish commission heritage fund in such amounts as determined  
43 by the Arizona game and fish commission.

1 C. On or before December 31, ~~each year~~ the commission shall submit its  
2 annual report to the president of the senate, the speaker of the house of  
3 representatives and the chairmen of the senate and house of representatives  
4 committees on natural resources and agriculture, or their successor  
5 committees, **AND SHALL PROVIDE A COPY OF THIS REPORT TO THE SECRETARY OF**  
6 **STATE.** The annual report shall include information on:  
7 1. The amount of monies spent or encumbered in the fund during the  
8 preceding fiscal year and a summary of the projects, activities and  
9 expenditures relating to:  
10 (a) Property acquisition, **OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE.**  
11 (b) Identification, inventory, protection and management of sensitive  
12 habitat.  
13 (c) Habitat evaluation and protection.  
14 (d) Urban wildlife.  
15 (e) Environmental education.  
16 (f) Public access.  
17 2. The number and location of parcels of property acquired during the  
18 preceding fiscal year.  
19 3. For personal and real properties acquired with fund monies during  
20 the preceding fiscal year, the amount of property tax revenue paid to each  
21 taxing jurisdiction during the last full tax year prior to acquisition.  
22 4. The amount of money spent from the fund during the preceding fiscal  
23 year for employee personal services.  
24 5. The number of full-time employees employed in the preceding fiscal  
25 year in connection with property acquisition, including survey, appraisal and  
26 other related activities.  
27 6. The total number of full-time employees employed in the preceding  
28 fiscal year for the programs listed in subsection A of this section.  
29 7. A list of the grants awarded during the preceding fiscal year,  
30 including information on the recipients, purposes and amounts.