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To require the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to assess the suitability and feasibility of establishing the Camden Battlefield area in the State of South Carolina as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

AUGUST 1, 2025

Mr. GRAHAM (for himself and Mr. SCOTT of South Carolina) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Camden National Bat-
5 tlefield Park Study Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. CAMDEN BATTLEFIELD AREA STUDY.**

7 (a) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

1 (1) SECRETARY.—The term “Secretary” means
2 the Secretary of the Interior.

3 (2) STUDY AREA.—The term “Study Area”
4 means the following affiliated areas of the National
5 Park System:

6 (A) The site of the Battle of Camden
7 fought in South Carolina on August 16, 1780,
8 and any other resources in the area that relate
9 to the Revolutionary War.

10 (B) Historic Camden, South Carolina.

11 (b) STUDY REQUIRED.—

12 (1) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary shall conduct
13 a special resource study of the Study Area—

14 (A) to evaluate the national significance of
15 the Study Area;

16 (B) to determine the suitability and feasi-
17 bility of designating the Study Area as a unit
18 of the National Park System, to be known as
19 “Camden National Battlefield Park”;

20 (C) to determine the methods and means
21 for the protection and interpretation of the
22 Study Area by the National Park Service, other
23 entities of the Federal Government or State or
24 local government, or private or nonprofit orga-
25 nizations;

1 (D) to determine the viability of a local
 2 partnership model for the management of the
 3 Study Area and the transferability of existing
 4 management structures; and

5 (E) to identify cost estimates for any Fed-
 6 eral development, interpretation, operation, and
 7 maintenance of the Study Area.

8 (2) CONSULTATION.—In conducting the study
 9 under paragraph (1), the Secretary shall consult
 10 with interested Federal agencies, State and local
 11 government entities, private and nonprofit organiza-
 12 tions, and any other interested individuals.

13 (c) APPLICABLE LAW.—The study required under
 14 subsection (b) shall be conducted in accordance with sec-
 15 tion 100507 of title 54, United States Code.

16 (d) REPORT.—Not later than 3 years after the date
 17 on which funds are first made available to carry out the
 18 study required under subsection (b), the Secretary shall
 19 submit to the Committee on Energy and Natural Re-
 20 sources of the Senate and the Committee on Natural Re-
 21 sources of the House of Representatives a report con-
 22 taining—

23 (1) the results of the study; and

24 (2) any recommendations of the Secretary.

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