

Subject School Trust Lands

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Summary

This bill modifies a number of provisions related to the school trust lands director. The school trust lands director position was established in 2012 and is charged with providing recommendations on managing school trust lands and other related duties.

The bill modifies the duties of the school trust lands director, including: removing the requirement that the school trust lands director take an oath of office and instead requiring the director to act in a fiduciary capacity for school trust land beneficiaries; clarifying and expanding requirements to advise and provide recommendations to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Executive Council, and Land Exchange Board on matters involving school trust lands; and adding a cross reference to an existing requirement to serve as a temporary trustee during certain land exchanges.

The bill would also eliminate the cap on the number of employees the director may employ and removes the requirement that they be in the unclassified service.