

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 175*

Short Title: Conservation Easements Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kinnaird, Horton; Hoyle, Jenkins, Lee, Miller, Phillips, Rand, and Reeves.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 18, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FACILITATION AND ASSISTANCE
GRANT FUND TO SUPPORT A CONSERVATION EASEMENTS PROGRAM
FOR THE PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, AS RECOMMENDED
BY THE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Facilitation and Assistance Grant Fund created by G.S. 113A-232, if enacted by the General Assembly, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to implement the provisions of the act that creates that Fund. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of two hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred and six dollars (\$222,806) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred seven thousand three hundred and six dollars (\$207,306) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to establish and support the positions of Conservation Tax Credit Program Administrator and Administrative Assistant, which positions shall implement the Conservation Easements Program, if enacted by the General Assembly.

Section 2. This act becomes effective 1 July 1997.