

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 519*

Short Title: North Carolina Aquariums Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue; and Ballantine.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 26, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EXPANSION OF THE THREE NORTH
CAROLINA AQUARIUMS.**

Whereas, the North Carolina Aquariums serve over 750,000 visitors and 75,000 school students each year; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Aquariums are an important part of the tourism economy of the State; and

Whereas, the planned expansions will double the educational and exhibit spaces, thereby enhancing their instructional and economic impacts; and

Whereas, the Aquariums are raising \$3,000,000 for exhibits from private sources across the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of thirty-four million five hundred sixty-seven thousand dollars (\$34,567,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for construction and two million seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$2,750,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year in operating reserves needed for the expansion of the North Carolina Aquariums.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.