

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 981

Short Title: Year of the Mountains/Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Jenkins.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 21, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A YEAR OF THE MOUNTAINS
PLANNING INITIATIVE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Commerce, Division of Community Assistance, 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 establish in-house planning capability in the State's mountain counties.

(b) The funds appropriated in this act are to facilitate the completion of the second and third year of a voluntary three-year program, with incentive grants requiring local matching funds, for the following counties participating in the Year of the Mountains program: Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Avery, Buncombe, Burke, Caldwell, Catawba, Cherokee, Clay, Cleveland, Gaston, Graham, Haywood, Henderson, Jackson, Lincoln, Macon, Madison, McDowell, Mitchell, Polk, Rutherford, Surry, Swain, Transylvania, Watauga, Wilkes, and Yancey.

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