

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 743

Short Title: Core Sound Waterfowl Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Preston.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 24, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE CORE SOUND WATERFOWL MUSEUM
2 AND HERITAGE CENTER ON HARKERS ISLAND, NORTH CAROLINA.

3 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center was established
4 in 1992 to support, preserve, and celebrate the way of life and cultural traditions of North
5 Carolina's coastal maritime communities; and

6 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center serves as a
7 regional partner and leader in rural heritage tourism development, community preservation, and
8 promotion of North Carolina's traditional arts; and

9 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center serves all of
10 Eastern North Carolina as a community resource for documenting, preserving, and celebrating
11 traditional communities along the Outer Banks and mainland of Eastern North Carolina; and

12 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center hosts more than
13 6,000 school children annually, who come from across North Carolina and beyond to eastern
14 Carteret County to learn about North Carolina's coastal environment and cultural heritage; and

15 Whereas, the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center contributes to
16 education, research, philanthropy, and tourism; and

17 Whereas, there is overwhelming community support for the completion of the Core
18 Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center; and

19 Whereas, private donors have contributed 70% of the \$3.4 million towards the
20 project; and

21 Whereas, it is imperative that the State take a lead role to ensure future generations
22 are exposed to the rich heritages and history of North Carolina; Now, therefore,

23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Core Sound
25 Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand
26 dollars (\$50,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to cover costs associated with construction of
27 the exhibits and gallery portion of the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center and
28 to provide additional staff support for work development, securing programming grants, and
29 annual giving programs for the Core Sound Waterfowl Museum and Heritage Center.

30 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.
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