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SENATE BILL 239

Short Title: Funds/State Park Staff.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Speed, Sherron, Parnell, Gulley, Ballance, Lucas, Soles, Cooper, Edwards, Hoyle, and Simpson.

Referred to: Appropriations

February 22, 1995

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DIVISION OF STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS FOR STAFFING, SALARY, AND OTHER OPERATIONS.

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 twelve million forty-nine thousand six hundred seventy-seven dollars (\$12,049,677) for the 1995-96 fiscal year and the sum of eleven million six hundred thirty thousand seven hundred ninety-one dollars (\$11,630,791) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for operations and support at the State Parks and Recreation Areas to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$318,079 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and \$280,317 for the 1996-97 fiscal year for seven and one-half new biologist positions to conduct inventories of the unique natural heritage areas throughout the State and in each State park and to help protect and manage State park natural resources.
- (2) \$402,310 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and \$402,310 for the 1996-97 fiscal year for seasonal wage rate increases at the State parks and recreation areas.

- 1 (3) \$1,279,288 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and \$898,164 for the 1996-97
2 fiscal year for 24 new professional staff positions and support to provide
3 one professionally trained staff person on duty at all hours the parks are
4 open to the public.
- 5 (4) \$8,750,000 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and \$8,750,000 for the 1996-97
6 fiscal year for the State Parks and Recreation Area Trust Fund.
- 7 (5) \$1,300,000 for the 1995-96 fiscal year and \$1,300,000 for the 1996-97
8 fiscal year for the Natural Heritage Trust Fund.
- 9 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1995.