

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 1360

Short Title: Cape Fear River Basin Research Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Warner, Lucas, Hurley, Davis (Primary Sponsors),
McComas, Morris; Cox and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR DATA COLLECTION, RESEARCH,
2 INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, AND PUBLIC EDUCATION REGARDING
3 THE CAPE FEAR RIVER BASIN.
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5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Cape Fear
7 River Assembly, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two hundred seventy-five
8 thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred
9 seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to conduct
10 comprehensive investigations throughout the lower, middle, and upper portions of the
11 Cape Fear River Basin to obtain critical information regarding water quality and
12 ecosystem health and to establish long-term baseline conditions and impaired segments.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Cape Fear
14 River Assembly, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two hundred twenty thousand
15 dollars (\$220,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred twenty
16 thousand dollars (\$220,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to develop a comprehensive
17 data and information management system to store, manage, retrieve, analyze, interpret,
18 and graphically display a large amount of water quality data and related information and
19 to provide this information for education and use in water resource management.

20 **SECTION 3.** The Cape Fear River Assembly, Inc., may enter into contracts
21 for the data collection and management, the research, and the public education
22 regarding the Cape Fear River Basin funded by this act.

23 **SECTION 4.** The Cape Fear River Assembly, Inc., shall report by October
24 1, 2001, and quarterly thereafter to the Environmental Review Commission and the
25 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on the use of any funds
26 appropriated in this act.

27 **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.