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HOUSE BILL 79

Short Title: Disaster Relief Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Hayes; Baker, Barbee, Bowie, Cansler, Cocklereece, Culp, Cummings, Cunningham, Davis, Esposito, Hiatt, Holmes, Justus, Kiser, McComas, Pate, Preston, Rayfield, Redwine, Reynolds, J. Robinson, Russell, Sharpe, Shubert, Thompson, Watson, C. Wilson, and G. Wilson.

Referred to: Rules, Calendar and Operations of the House.

July 18, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FROM THE SAVINGS
RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR DISASTER RELIEF.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) The Director of the Budget shall allocate from the Savings Reserve Account, commonly referred to as the "Rainy Day Fund", the sum of up to one hundred million dollars (\$100,000,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for disaster relief activities in counties that have been officially declared disaster areas due to the effects of the 1995-96 winter ice storm in the western part of the State, Hurricane Bertha, and any other federally declared disasters that occur during the 1996-97 fiscal year. Allocations shall be made by the Director as provided by the plan developed by the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

(b) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of Emergency Management, shall develop a plan for distribution of funds authorized under this section. In developing the plan, the Department shall ensure that funds are allocated in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements such that the purposes for which allocations are made qualify for federal disaster relief, that

1 allocations meet federal assistance and matching requirements, and that funds allocated in
2 excess of matching requirements are reimbursed to the State to the maximum extent
3 allowable under federal law. Counties that receive State funds under this section shall
4 reimburse the State in the amount of federal funds received, less the amount used to
5 match federal funds with State funds, for the disaster relief purposes stated in subsection
6 (a) of this section.

7 (c) The Director of the Budget shall deposit to the Savings Reserve Account all
8 funds received from counties and from the federal government as reimbursement for
9 funds allocated under this section. Funds authorized but not allocated under this section
10 shall revert to the Savings Reserve Account on June 30, 1997.

11 (d) The Director of the Budget and the Department of Crime Control and Public
12 Safety shall report to the General Assembly not later than July 31, 1996, and to the Joint
13 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on or before October 1, 1996 and
14 March 1, 1997, on actions taken to implement this section.

15 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.