

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 139

Short Title: Environmental Education Trust Fund.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Odom.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 17, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION TRUST FUND  
2 TO ASSURE THE FUNDING OF ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION AND TO  
3 APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THAT FUND, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW COMMISSION.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. Part 4B of Article 7 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is  
8 amended by adding a new section to read:

9 "**§ 143-285.26. Environmental Education Trust Fund.**

10 (a) Fund Established. – There is established under the control and direction of the  
11 Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the Environmental Education  
12 Trust Fund. This Fund shall be a nonreverting fund consisting of any monies  
13 appropriated to it by the General Assembly or available to it from contributions or grants  
14 from public or private sources. This Fund is a special trust fund and shall be credited  
15 with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. This  
16 Fund shall be used to finance grants and awards made under the provisions and for the  
17 purposes of this Part.

18 (b) Report. – The Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources  
19 shall report annually no later than September 1 to the Environmental Review

1 Commission as to the condition of the Environmental Education Trust Fund and as to the  
2 use of all funds allocated from the Environmental Education Trust Fund."

3           Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Environmental  
4 Education Trust Fund, created in Section 1 of this act, the sum of two hundred thousand  
5 dollars (\$200,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred thousand  
6 dollars (\$200,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the purposes set forth in G.S. 143B-  
7 285.26, as enacted in Section 1 of this act.

8           Section 3. Section 2 of this act becomes effective July 1, 1997. The remainder  
9 of this act is effective when it becomes law.