

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 528**

Short Title: Drainage Ways/Debris Removal Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Jordan.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 26, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REMOVE HURRICANE DEBRIS FROM RIVERS AND OTHER PUBLIC-MAINTAINED DRAINAGE WAYS IN PENDER, NEW HANOVER, AND ONSLOW COUNTIES IN ORDER TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND TO PREVENT FURTHER WATER QUALITY DEGRADATION.**

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 eleven million thirty-five thousand dollars (\$11,035,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the Fayetteville Regional Office to remove hurricane debris from rivers, creeks, and other public-maintained drainage ways in Pender, New Hanover, and Onslow Counties in order to protect the public from mosquito-borne diseases or diseases that breed in stagnant waters and to protect water quality from further degradation exacerbated by slow or no flow waters.

Section 2. The funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$2,850,000 for Pender County.
- (2) \$4,435,000 for New Hanover County.
- (3) \$3,750,000 for Onslow County.

1 The funds appropriated under Section 1 of this act shall provide grants for one-half of the  
2 nonfederal costs of stream restoration in Pender, New Hanover, and Onslow Counties,  
3 shall be distributed as grants for stream restoration pursuant to the program for Water  
4 Resources Development Projects under Part 8 of Article 21 of Chapter 143 of the General  
5 Statutes, and shall be matched by local funds on a dollar-for-dollar basis. The  
6 Department shall give priority to economically distressed communities and units of local  
7 government.

8           Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.