

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 206

Short Title: Open Debate on Approps. Required.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Allran; Carrington, Forrester, Foxx, Moore, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, and Webster.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 2, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ENSURE PUBLIC CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS CONTAINED IN
2 APPROPRIATIONS ACTS.

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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. G.S. 143-15 reads as rewritten:

6 **"§ 143-15. Reduction and increase of items by General Assembly.**

7 The provisions of this Article shall continue to be the legislative policy with reference
8 to the making of appropriations and shall be treated as rules of both branches of the
9 General Assembly until and unless the same may be changed by the General Assembly
10 either by express enactment or by rules adopted by either branch of the General
11 Assembly.

12 The General Assembly may reduce or strike out such item in the Current Operations
13 Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill as it may deem to
14 be the interest of the public service, but neither House shall consider further or special
15 appropriations until the Current Operations Appropriations Bill shall have been enacted
16 in whole or part or rejected, unless the Governor shall submit and recommend an
17 emergency appropriation bill or emergency appropriation bills, which may be amended in
18 the manner set out herein, and such emergency appropriation bill, or bills, when enacted,
19 shall continue in force only until the Current Operations Appropriations Bill and the

1 Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill shall become effective, unless otherwise
2 provided by the General Assembly. Provided that the Capital Improvement
3 Appropriations Bill may be considered before the Current Operations Appropriations Bill
4 has been adopted in whole or part or rejected.

5 The General Assembly may also increase any appropriation set out in the Current
6 Operations Appropriations Bill and the Capital Improvement Appropriations Bill and
7 may provide additional appropriations for other purposes if additional revenue or
8 revenues, equal to the amount of such additional appropriations and increases, are
9 provided for by corresponding amendment to the Budget Revenue Bill. No bill carrying
10 an appropriation shall thereafter be enacted by the General Assembly, unless it be for an
11 object or objects therein described and shall provide an adequate source of revenue for
12 defraying such appropriation, or unless it appears from the budget report or the Budget
13 Revenue Bill that there is sufficient revenue available therefor. The appropriation, or
14 appropriations, in such bills shall be in accordance with the classification used in the
15 budget.

16 The General Assembly shall not enact an appropriation for any purpose unless the
17 appropriation was submitted to the General Assembly by the Director in the budget
18 report, the Current Operations Appropriations Bill, the Capital Improvement
19 Appropriations Bill, or material accompanying the budget in accordance with G.S. 143-
20 11(b), or unless the appropriation was debated by an appropriations subcommittee of the
21 Senate or the House of Representatives in an open meeting and was contained in an
22 introduced bill or in a request from a State agency.

23 Reports to or of the appropriations committees or their subcommittees indicate action
24 by the general Assembly when they are used in preparation of or amendment to
25 appropriations acts."

26 Section 2. This act is effective when it becomes law.