

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1017

Short Title: Justice for Storm Chantal Survivors Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Chitlik and Murdock (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 4, 2026

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A TROPICAL STORM CHANTAL MITIGATION FUND AND
2 APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 **SECTION 1.** Tropical Storm Chantal Mitigation Fund. – The Tropical Storm
6 Chantal Mitigation Fund (Fund) is established within the Department of Public Safety, Division
7 of Emergency Management (NCEM). The Fund shall be maintained as a special fund within
8 NCEM. NCEM may use up to four percent (4%) of the funds for administration purposes. The
9 purpose of the Fund is to provide mitigation buyouts, relocations, rehabilitations, reconstructions,
10 for eligible homeowners affected by Tropical Storm Chantal within the affected area. Funds shall
11 be distributed within the affected area on a per capita basis, as determined by NCEM, to ensure
12 equitable distribution of aid to all affected persons within the affected area. No person shall
13 receive more than five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) in assistance under this Program.
14 For the purposes of the Fund, the term "affected area" contains Alamance, Caswell, Chatham,
15 Durham, Moore, Orange, and Person Counties.

16 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated twenty-five million dollars (\$25,000,000) from
17 the General Fund to NCEM for the Tropical Storm Chantal Mitigation Fund enacted in Section
18 1 of this act. Unused funds shall revert to the Disaster Relief and Mitigation Fund on June 30,
19 2028.

20 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2026.

