

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1999**

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**HOUSE BILL 1840**

Short Title: 2000 Appropriations Act.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Easterling and Redwine (Primary Sponsors).

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 30, 2000

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO MODIFY THE CURRENT OPERATIONS AND CAPITAL  
IMPROVEMENTS APPROPRIATIONS ACT OF 1999 AND TO MAKE OTHER  
CHANGES IN THE BUDGET OPERATION OF THE STATE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. INTRODUCTION AND TITLE OF ACT**

**INTRODUCTION**

Section 1. The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated are not required to perform these services and accomplish these purposes and, except as allowed by the Executive Budget Act, or this act, the savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year.

**TITLE OF ACT**

Section 1.1. This act shall be known as "The Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2000."

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1 **PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS/GENERAL FUND**  
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3 Section 2. Appropriations from the General Fund of the State for the  
 4 maintenance of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes  
 5 as enumerated are made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, according to the  
 6 schedule that follows. Amounts set out in brackets are reductions from General Fund  
 7 appropriations for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.  
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9	<u>Current Operations-General Fund</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
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11	Department of Administration	(714,893)
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13	Office of Administrative Hearings	(45,780)
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15	Department of Cultural Resources	
16	Cultural Resources	2,260,000
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18	Department of Revenue	(610,805)
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20	Department of Correction	(13,654,377)
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22	Department of Health and Human Services	
23	01. Division of Child Development	18,054,056
24	02. Division of Social Services	250,000
25	03. Division of Medical Assistance	(114,535,129)
26	04. Division of Mental Health, Developmental	
27	Disabilities, and Substance	
28	Abuse Services	2,858,474
29	05. Division of Facility Services	1,149,000
30	06. Division of Vocational Rehabilitation	
31	Services	(956,328)
32	07. Division of Public Health	(3,434,871)
33	08. North Carolina Health Choice	1,413,226
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35	Department of Public Education	89,083,352
36		
37	Community Colleges System Office	19,496,417
38		
39	University of North Carolina	
40	Board of Governors	25,224,554
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42	Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services	1,200,000
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1	Department of Labor	(400,000)
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3	Department of Environment and	
4	Natural Resources	(1,531,337)
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6	Department of Commerce	
7	01.    Commerce          3,005,480	
8	02.    State Aid to Non-State Entities 2,000,000	
9	03.    ITS          (9,000,000)	
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11	Reserve for Compensation Increase	414,628,515
12		
13	Debt Service	(45,612,595)
14		
15	Capital Improvements	14,974,172
16		
17	Disaster Relief	(15,000,000)
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**PART III. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/HIGHWAY FUND**

21           Section 3. Appropriations from the Highway Fund of the State for the  
 22 maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation, and for other purposes  
 23 as enumerated, are made for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, according to the  
 24 schedule that follows. Amounts set out in brackets are reductions from Highway Fund  
 25 appropriations for the 2000-2001 fiscal year.

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27	<u>Current Operations - Highway Fund</u>	<u>2000-2001</u>
28	Department of Transportation	
29	01.    Administration 1,276,914	
30	02.    Construction and Maintenance	
31	a.    Construction	
32	(00) Secondary Construction	192,000
33	b.    State Maintenance 23,500,000	
34	c.    State Aid to Municipalities 192,000	
35	g.    State Aid for Public	
36	Transportation and Railroads	5,200,000
37	03.    Division of Motor Vehicles 809,284	
38		
39	<b>GRAND TOTAL CURRENT OPERATIONS</b>	
40	<b>AND EXPANSION</b>	<b>31,170,198</b>
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**PART IV. HIGHWAY TRUST FUND**

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1 Section 4. Appropriations from the Highway Trust Fund are made for the  
 2 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001, according to the schedule that follows. Amounts set out  
 3 in brackets are reductions from Highway Trust Fund appropriations for the 2000-2001  
 4 fiscal year.

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6	<u>Highway Trust Fund</u>	-	<u>2000-2001</u>
7	01. Intrastate System	48,538,626	
8	02. Secondary Roads Construction	6,102,120	
9	03. Urban Loops	19,626,998	
10	04. State Aid - Municipalities	5,092,834	
11	05. Program Administration	4,119,422	
12			
13	GRAND TOTAL - HIGHWAY TRUST FUND		83,480,000

#### 15 PART V. BLOCK GRANT FUNDS

17 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

#### 18 DHHS BLOCK GRANT PROVISIONS

19 Section 5.(a) Appropriations from federal block grant funds are made for the  
 20 fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

#### 22 COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- 24 01. Community Action Agencies
- 25
- 26 02. Limited Purpose Agencies
- 27
- 28 03. Department of Health and Human Services
- 29 to administer and monitor
- 30 the activities of the
- 31 Community Services Block Grant
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#### 33 TOTAL COMMUNITY SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

#### 35 SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- 37 01. County departments of social services
- 38 (Transfer from TANF - \$4,500,000)
- 39
- 40 02. Allocation for in-home services provided
- 41 by county departments of
- 42 social services
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- 1       03.    Division of Mental Health, Developmental  
2            Disabilities, and Substance Abuse Services  
3
- 4       04.    Division of Services for the Blind  
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- 6       05.    Office of Juvenile Justice  
7
- 8       06.    Division of Facility Services  
9
- 10      07.    Division of Aging - Home and Community  
11            Care Block Grant  
12
- 13      08.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
14            Child Care Subsidies  
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- 16      09.    Division of Vocational Rehabilitation -  
17            United Cerebral Palsy  
18
- 19      10.    State administration  
20
- 21      11.    Child Medical Evaluation Program  
22
- 23      12.    Adult day care services  
24
- 25      13.    County departments of social services for  
26            child abuse prevention and  
27            permanency planning  
28
- 29      14.    Transfer to Preventive Health Services  
30            Block Grant for emergency medical services  
31
- 32      15.    Transfer to Preventive Health Services Block  
33            Grant for AIDS education, counseling, and  
34            testing  
35
- 36      16.    Department of Administration  
37            for the N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs  
38            In-Home Services Program for the elderly  
39
- 40      17.    Division of Vocational Rehabilitation -  
41            Easter Seals Society  
42
- 43      18.    UNC-CH CARES Program for training and

- 1           consultation services  
2
- 3       19.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for Allocation  
4           to the Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program  
5
- 6       20.    Office of the Secretary - Office of Economic  
7           Opportunity for N.C. Senior Citizens'  
8           Federation for outreach services to  
9           low-income elderly persons  
10
- 11       21.    County departments of social services  
12           for child welfare improvements  
13           (Transfer from TANF - \$300,000)  
14
- 15       22.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for Division  
16           of Mental Health, Developmental Disabilities,  
17           and Substance Abuse Services for juvenile  
18           offenders  
19
- 20       23.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
21           Enhanced Employee Assistance Program  
22
- 23       24.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
24           Division of Social Services - Child  
25           Caring Agencies  
26
- 27       25.    Division of Mental Health,  
28           Developmental Disabilities, and  
29           Substance Abuse Services - Developmentally  
30           Disabled Waiting List for services  
31
- 32       26.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant to  
33           Enhance Special Children Adoption Fund  
34
- 35       27.    Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
36           Local County Child Welfare Workers  
37
- 38   TOTAL SOCIAL SERVICES BLOCK GRANT  
39
- 40   LOW-INCOME ENERGY BLOCK GRANT  
41
- 42       01.    Energy Assistance Programs  
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- 1       02.   Crisis Intervention  
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3       03.   Administration  
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5       04.   Department of Commerce -  
6           Weatherization Program  
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8       05.   Department of Administration -  
9           N.C. Commission of Indian Affairs

10  
11 TOTAL LOW-INCOME ENERGY BLOCK GRANT

12  
13 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

- 14  
15       01.   Provision of community-based  
16           services in accordance with the  
17           Mental Health Study Commission's  
18           Adult Severe and Persistently  
19           Mentally Ill Plan  
20  
21       02.   Provision of community-based  
22           services in accordance with the  
23           Mental Health Study Commission's  
24           Child Mental Health Plan  
25  
26       03.   Administration

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28 TOTAL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

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30 SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
31 AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT

- 32  
33       01.   Provision of community-based  
34           alcohol and drug abuse services,  
35           tuberculosis services, and services  
36           provided by the Alcohol, Drug Abuse  
37           Treatment Centers  
38  
39       02.   Continuation of services for  
40           pregnant women and women  
41           with dependent children  
42  
43       03.   Continuation and expansion of

- 1 services to IV drug abusers and others  
2 at risk for HIV diseases  
3  
4 04. Provision of services in accordance with  
5 the Mental Health Study Commission's  
6 Child and Adolescent Alcohol and Other  
7 Drug Abuse Plan  
8  
9 05. Juvenile Services - Family Focus  
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11 06. Juvenile offender services and substance  
12 abuse pilot  
13  
14 07. Administration  
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16 **TOTAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION  
17 AND TREATMENT BLOCK GRANT**  
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19 **CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND BLOCK GRANT**  
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- 21 01. Child care subsidies  
22  
23 02. Quality and availability initiatives  
24  
25 03. Administrative expenses  
26  
27 04. Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
28 child care subsidies  
29  
30 05. Transfer from TANF Block Grant for  
31 child care rate increases and quality  
32 initiatives  
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34 **TOTAL CHILD CARE AND DEVELOPMENT FUND  
35 BLOCK GRANT**  
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37 **TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES  
38 (TANF) BLOCK GRANT**  
39

- 40 01. Work First Cash Assistance  
41 Standard Counties  
42 Electing Counties  
43



- 1       02.    Work First County Block Grants  
2
- 3       03.    Transfer to the Child Care and  
4            Development Fund Block Grant  
5            for child care subsidies  
6
- 7       04.    Allocation to the Division of Mental  
8            Health, Developmental Disabilities, and  
9            Substance Abuse Services for Work First  
10           substance abuse screening, diagnostic, and  
11           support treatment services and drug testing  
12
- 13      05.    Allocation to the Division of Social  
14            Services for Work First Evaluation  
15
- 16      06.    Allocation to the Division of Social  
17            Services for staff development  
18
- 19      07.    Reduction of out-of-wedlock births  
20
- 21      08.    Transfer to the Social Services Block Grant  
22            for substance abuse services for juveniles  
23
- 24      09.    Transfer to the Social Services Block Grant  
25            for the Special Children Adoption Fund  
26
- 27      10.    Employment Security Commission -  
28            First Stop Employment Assistance  
29
- 30      11.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant -  
31            Enhanced Employee Assistance Program  
32
- 33      12.    Work First Job Retention and Follow-Up  
34            Initiatives  
35
- 36      13.    Allocation to the Division of Public Health  
37            for teen pregnancy prevention  
38
- 39      14.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant  
40            for Child Caring Agencies  
41
- 42      15.    Child Care Subsidies for TANF Recipients  
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- 1       16.    Work First Business Council  
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3       17.    Work First Housing Initiative  
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5       18.    Transfer to Child Care and Development Fund  
6            Block Grant for Child Care Rate Increases  
7  
8       19.    Allocation to the Division of Social  
9            Services for Domestic Violence  
10  
11      20.    Implementation of HB 1159 - Protection  
12            from Violent Caregivers  
13  
14      21.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for  
15            Additional County Foster Care and Adoption  
16            Workers  
17  
18      22.    Intensive Family Preservation Program  
19            Expansion  
20  
21      23.    Contract for MOE Analysis and Assistance  
22  
23      24.    Work First/Boys and Girls Clubs  
24  
25      25.    Community Colleges - Enhanced Pathways  
26  
27      26.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for  
28            Child Care Subsidies  
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30      27.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for  
31            County Departments of Social Services for  
32            Children's Services  
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34      28.    Transfer to Social Services Block Grant for  
35            Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention Program  
36  
37    TOTAL TEMPORARY ASSISTANCE TO NEEDY FAMILIES  
38    (TANF) BLOCK GRANT  
39  
40    MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH BLOCK GRANT  
41  
42      01.    Healthy Mothers/Healthy Children  
43            Block Grants to Local Health

- 1           Departments  
2
- 3       02.   High Risk Maternity Clinic Services,  
4           Perinatal Education and Training,  
5           Childhood Injury Prevention,  
6           Public Information and Education, and  
7           Technical Assistance to Local Health  
8           Departments  
9
- 10       03.   Services to Children With Special Health  
11           Care Needs  
12
- 13   TOTAL MATERNAL AND CHILD  
14   HEALTH BLOCK GRANT  
15
- 16   PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT  
17
- 18       01.   Transfer from Social Services  
19           Block Grant -  
20           Emergency Medical Services  
21
- 22       02.   Hypertension and Statewide  
23           Health Promotion Programs  
24
- 25       03.   Dental Health for Fluoridation  
26           of Water Supplies  
27
- 28       04.   Rape Prevention and Rape  
29           Crisis Programs  
30
- 31       05.   Rape Prevention and Rape Education  
32
- 33       06.   Transfer from Social Services  
34           Block Grant -  
35           AIDS/HIV Education, Counseling,  
36           and Testing  
37
- 38       07.   Office of Minority Health and  
39           Minority Health Council  
40
- 41       08.   Administrative and Indirect Cost  
42
- 43   TOTAL PREVENTIVE HEALTH SERVICES BLOCK GRANT

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2 Section 5.(b) Decreases in Federal Fund Availability. – If the United States  
3 Congress reduces federal fund availability in the Social Services Block Grant below the  
4 amounts appropriated in this section, then the Department of Health and Human Services  
5 shall allocate these decreases giving priority first to those direct services mandated by  
6 State or federal law, then to those programs providing direct services that have  
7 demonstrated effectiveness in meeting the federally and State-mandated services goals  
8 established for the Social Services Block Grant. The Department shall not include  
9 transfers from TANF for specified purposes in any calculations of reductions to the  
10 Social Services Block Grant.

11 If the United States Congress reduces the amount of TANF funds below the  
12 amounts appropriated in this section after the effective date of this act, then the  
13 Department shall allocate the decrease in funds after considering any underutilization of  
14 the budget and the effectiveness of the current level of services. Any TANF Block Grant  
15 fund changes shall be reported to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human  
16 Resources, the House of Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and  
17 Human Services, and the Fiscal Research Division.

18 The Department of Health and Human Services shall make a report in  
19 collaboration with all other State and local agencies and public and private entities (i) that  
20 are impacted by the Social Services or TANF Block Grants and (ii) that will be affected  
21 by future reductions in either of these block grants detailing plans for dealing with future  
22 reductions or adjustments in either of these block grants, including plans for programs  
23 funded wholly or in part with transfers from the TANF Block Grant.

24 Decreases in federal fund availability shall be allocated for the Maternal and  
25 Child Health and Preventive Health Services federal block grants by the Department of  
26 Health and Human Services after considering the effectiveness of the current level of  
27 services.

28 Section 5.(c) Increases in Federal Fund Availability. – Any block grant funds  
29 appropriated by the United States Congress in addition to the funds specified in this act  
30 shall be expended by the Department of Health and Human Services, with the approval of  
31 the Office of State Budget and Management, provided the resultant increases are in  
32 accordance with federal block grant requirements and are within the scope of the block  
33 grant plan approved by the General Assembly.

34 Section 5.(d) Changes to the budgeted allocations to the block grants  
35 appropriated in this act due to decreases or increases in federal funds shall be reported  
36 immediately to the Senate Appropriations Committee on Human Resources, the House of  
37 Representatives Appropriations Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and the  
38 Fiscal Research Division.

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40 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

41 **NER BLOCK GRANT FUNDS**

42 Section 5.1.(a) Appropriations from federal block grant funds shall be made for  
43 the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

1  
2 WELFARE TO WORK BLOCK GRANT

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4 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT

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6 01. State Administration

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8 02. Urgent Needs and Contingency

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10 03. Community Empowerment

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12 04. Economic Development

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14 05. Community Revitalization

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16 06. State Technical Assistance

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18 07. Housing Development

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20 08. Infrastructure

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22 TOTAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT  
23 BLOCK GRANT - 2001 Program Year

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25 Section 5.1.(b) Decreases in Federal Fund Availability. –

26 Decreases in federal fund availability for the Community Development Block  
27 Grants. – If federal funds are reduced below the amounts specified above after the  
28 effective date of this act, then every program in each of these federal block grants shall be  
29 reduced by the same percentage as the reduction in federal funds.

30 Section 5.1.(c) Increases in Federal Fund Availability for Community Development  
31 Block Grants. –

32 Any block grant funds appropriated by the Congress of the United States in  
33 addition to the funds specified in this section shall be expended as follows: – Each  
34 program category under the Community Development Block Grant shall be increased by  
35 the same percentage as the increase in federal funds.

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37 **PART VI. GENERAL FUND AND HIGHWAY FUND AVAILABILITY**  
38 **STATEMENTS**

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40 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

41 **GENERAL FUND AVAILABILITY STATEMENT**

42 Section 6. The General Fund availability used to adjust 2000-2001 budget is  
43 shown below:

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3	2000-2001	
4		(\$ Millions)
5	Budget Reform Statement	
6	Beginning Unrestricted Fund Balance	0
7	Tax Revenues	13,191.8
8	Nontax Revenues	
9	Invest Income	218.0
10	Judicial Fees	104.6
11	Disproportionate Share Receipts	105.0
12	Subtotal	
13	Other Nontax Revenue	137.5
14	Highway Trust Fund Transfer	170.0
15	Highway Fund Transfer	13.8
16		
17	Total Availability	13,940.7
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## PART VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### **SPECIAL FUNDS, FEDERAL FUNDS, AND DEPARTMENTAL RECEIPTS/AUTHORIZATION FOR EXPENDITURES**

Section 7.(a) There is appropriated out of the cash balances, federal receipts, and departmental receipts available to each department, sufficient amounts to carry on authorized activities included under each department's operations. All these cash balances, federal receipts, and departmental receipts shall be expended and reported in accordance with provisions of the Executive Budget Act, except as otherwise provided by statute, and shall be expended at the level of service authorized by the General Assembly. If the receipts, other than gifts and grants that are unanticipated and are for a specific purpose only, collected in a fiscal year by an institution, department, or agency exceed the receipts certified for it in General Fund Codes or Highway Fund Codes, then the Director of the Budget shall decrease the amount he allots to that institution, department, or agency from appropriations from that Fund by the amount of the excess, unless the Director of the Budget finds that the appropriations from the Fund are necessary to maintain the function that generated the receipts at the level anticipated in the certified Budget Codes for that Fund.

Funds that become available from overrealized receipts in General Fund Codes and Highway Fund Codes may be used for new permanent employee positions or to raise the salary of existing employees only as follows:

- (1) As provided in G.S. 116-30.1, 116-30.2, 116-30.3, 116-30.4; or
- (2) If the Director of the Budget finds that the new permanent employee positions are necessary to maintain the function that generated the

1 receipts at the level anticipated in the certified budget codes for that  
2 Fund. The Director of the Budget shall notify the President Pro  
3 Tempore of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
4 chairmen of the appropriations committees of the Senate and the House  
5 of Representatives, and the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative  
6 Services Office that he intends to make such a finding at least 10 days  
7 before he makes the finding. The notification shall set out the reason  
8 the positions are necessary to maintain the function.

9 The Office of State Budget and Management shall report to the Joint  
10 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations and to the Fiscal Research  
11 Division of the Legislative Services Office within 30 days after the end of each quarter  
12 the General Fund Codes or Highway Fund Codes that did not result in a corresponding  
13 reduced allotment from appropriations from that Fund.

14 Section 7.(b) The Director of the Budget shall develop necessary budget  
15 controls, regulations, and systems to ensure that these funds and other State funds subject  
16 to the Executive Budget Act, are not spent in a manner which would cause a deficit in  
17 expenditures.

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19 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

#### 20 **EXPENDITURES OF FUNDS IN RESERVES LIMITED**

21 Section 7.1. All funds appropriated by this act into reserves may be expended  
22 only for the purposes for which the reserves were established.

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24 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

#### 25 **STATE MONEY RECIPIENTS/CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY**

26 Section 7.2. Each private, nonprofit entity eligible to receive State funds,  
27 either by General Assembly appropriation, or by grant, loan, or other allocation from a  
28 State agency, before funds may be disbursed to the entity, shall file with the disbursing  
29 agency a notarized copy of that entity's policy addressing conflicts of interest that may  
30 arise involving the entity's management employees and the members of its board of  
31 directors or other governing body. The policy shall address situations where any of these  
32 individuals may directly or indirectly benefit, except as the entity's employees or  
33 members of the board or other governing body, from the entity's disbursing of State  
34 funds, and shall include actions to be taken by the entity or the individual, or both, to  
35 avoid conflicts of interest and the appearance of impropriety.

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37 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

#### 38 **BUDGETING OF PILOT PROGRAMS**

39 Section 7.3.(a) Any program designated by the General Assembly as experimental,  
40 model, or pilot shall be shown as a separate budget item and shall be considered as an  
41 expansion item until a succeeding General Assembly reapproves it.

42 Any new program funded in whole or in part through a special appropriations  
43 bill shall be designated as an experimental, model, or pilot program.

1 Section 7.3.(b) The Governor shall submit to the General Assembly with his  
2 proposed budget a report of which items in the proposed budget are subject to the  
3 provisions of this section.  
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## 6 PART VIII. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

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8 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### 9 EXECUTIVE BUDGET ACT APPLIES

10 Section 8. The provisions of the Executive Budget Act, Chapter 143, Article 1  
11 of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are  
12 incorporated in this act by reference.  
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14 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### 15 MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO 2000-2001

16 Section 8.1. Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly  
17 indicate an intention to have effects beyond the 2000-2001 fiscal year, the textual  
18 provisions of this act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring  
19 during, the 2000-2001 fiscal year.  
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21 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### 22 EFFECT OF HEADINGS

23 Section 8.2. The headings to the parts and sections of this act are a  
24 convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand, limit,  
25 or define the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a Part.  
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27 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### 28 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

29 Section 8.3. If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional  
30 or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part  
31 other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.  
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33 Requested by: Representatives Easterling, Redwine

### 34 EFFECTIVE DATE

35 Section 8.4. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1,  
36 2000.