

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
1985 SESSION

CHAPTER 1021
HOUSE BILL 1482

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REPAIR THE DAM AT THE BETSY-JEFF PENN 4-H CENTER AND TO PROVIDE FOR A FULL-TIME DIRECTOR AT THE CENTER.

Whereas, 4-H is currently serving 104,000 boys and girls in the State; and

Whereas, with volunteer-led programs and contributions of time valued at twenty million dollars (\$20,000,000) annually, 4-H has and will continue to make a difference in the lives of both adults and youths in our State; and

Whereas, 4-H camps located throughout the State allow young people to have developmental camping experiences at minimal cost, and also to experience the diversity of North Carolina by attending different camps in different years; and

Whereas, twenty-five percent (25%) of 4-H campers are minorities and twenty-four percent (24%) qualify for food discounts from U.S.D.A.; and

Whereas, the camps provide the best possible learning experiences to young people at the least possible cost; and

Whereas, more than 5,500 young people participate in 4-H camp programs each year and more than 10,000 people including 4-H'ers, and adult volunteers use the 4-H camps each year for weekend retreats, conferences, and off-season outings; and

Whereas, the operating expenses of the camps are totally paid through user fees; and

Whereas, specific problems exist at the 4-H camps that require immediate financial assistance of amounts not recoverable in user fees if 4-H is to continue to offer services within the means of most North Carolinians; and

Whereas, serious deficiencies exist at the Lake Hazel Dam at the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp; and

Whereas, if the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Center is to continue to offer services to a wide range of clients on a year-round basis, it needs a full-time director; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. Of the funds appropriated in Section 2 of House Bill 2055 of the 1985 Session Laws to the Reserve for Hospital-Medical Benefits, the sum of one hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$120,000) is transferred to the General Fund and is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina 4-H Development Fund, Inc., for fiscal year 1986-87 for the renovation of the Lake Hazel Dam at the Betsy-Jeff Penn 4-H Camp.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1986.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 15th day of July, 1986.