

~~Park Authority for operations, maintenance, repair, and capital improvements under Article 23C of Chapter 113 of the General Statutes.~~

~~"SECTION 14.4.(c) This section becomes effective June 30, 2009-June 30, 2010."~~

CONSOLIDATE PASSENGER AIRCRAFT

SECTION 14.6.(a) The Executive Aircraft Division of the Department of Commerce is transferred to the Division of Aviation of the Department of Transportation. This transfer shall have all the elements of a Type I transfer, as defined by G.S. 143A-6.

SECTION 14.6.(b) G.S. 143B-437.011 is repealed.

SECTION 14.6.(c) Article 7 of Chapter 136 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new section to read:

"§ 136-102.9. Use of aircraft managed by the Department of Transportation.

Of the aircraft managed by the Department of Transportation, the use of aircraft for economic development purposes shall take precedence over all other uses except in cases of emergency or disaster response. The Department of Transportation shall annually review the rates charged for the use of aircraft and shall adjust the rates, as necessary, to account for upgraded aircraft and inflationary increases in operating costs, including jet fuel prices. If an aircraft is used to attend athletic events or for any other purpose related to collegiate athletics, the rate charged shall be equal to the direct cost of operating the aircraft as established by the aircraft's manufacturer, adjusted for inflation."

MAIN STREET SOLUTIONS FUND

SECTION 14.6A. G.S. 143B-472.35 reads as rewritten:

"§ 143B-472.35. Establishment of fund; use of funds; application for grants; disbursal; repayment; inspections; rules; reports.

(a) A fund to be known as the Main Street Solutions Fund is established in the Department of Commerce. This Fund shall be administered by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce shall be responsible for receipt and disbursement of all funds as provided in this section. Interest earnings shall be credited to the Main Street Solutions Fund.

(a1) The Main Street Solutions Fund is a reimbursable, matching grant program. The Department of Commerce and the North Carolina Main Street Center are authorized to award grants from the Main Street Solutions Fund totaling not more than two hundred thousand dollars (\$200,000) to each eligible local government. Funds from eligible local governments, main street organizations, downtown organizations, downtown economic development organizations, and sources other than the State or federal government must be committed to match the amount of any grant from the Main Street Solutions Fund on the basis of a minimum of two non-State dollars (\$2.00) for every one dollar (\$1.00) provided by the State from the Main Street Solutions Fund.

(a2) Definitions. – For purposes of this section, the following definitions shall apply:

- (1) Active North Carolina main street community. – A community in a Tier 1, 2, or 3 county that has been selected by the Department of Commerce to participate in the Main Street Program or the Small Town Main Street Program and that meets the reporting and eligibility requirements of the respective Program.
- (2) Designated micropolitan. – A geographic entity containing an urban core and having a population of between 10,000 and 50,000 people, according to the most recent federal decennial census.
- (3) Designated downtown area. – A designated area within a community that is considered the primary, traditional downtown business district of the community.
- (4) Downtown economic development organization. – An agency that is part of a public-private partnership intended to develop and recruit business opportunities or to undertake economic development projects that will create jobs.
- (5) Downtown organization. – An agency that is part of a public-private partnership on the local level and whose core mission is to revitalize a traditional downtown business district.
- (6) Eligible local government. – A municipal government that is located in a designated micropolitan or an active North Carolina main street community.