

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 148

Short Title: Park Improvement Plan.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives DeVane, Crawford, Culp, Wilmoth; Bowman, Colton, Cummings, Hackney, Hall, Luebke, G. Miller, and Richardson.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 15, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO ESTABLISH A PARK IMPROVEMENT PLAN (PIP) FOR CAPITAL
2 IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AT STATE PARKS AND RECREATION AREAS
3 AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.
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5 Whereas, Section 5 of Article 14 of the State Constitution states that it shall
6 be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve park,
7 recreational, and scenic areas, and in every other appropriate way to preserve as a part
8 of the common heritage of this State its openlands and places of beauty; and

9 Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987,
10 declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeological, geologic, biologic,
11 scenic, and recreation resources, and that such resources are part of the heritage of the
12 people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their use and for
13 the use of their visitors and descendants; and

14 Whereas, the General Assembly has directed that the tax dollars of the State
15 should be expended in an efficient manner to assure that the State Parks System is
16 adequate to accomplish these goals; Now, therefore,
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18 Section 1. The General Assembly finds that the creation of a "Park
19 Improvement Plan" to provide for capital improvement projects at State Parks and
20 Recreation Areas is in keeping with the highest purposes of public policy and in concert
21 with constitutional provisions and State law.

22 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Park Fund
23 established under G.S. 143B-313.3 the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for

1 the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of fifteen million dollars (\$15,000,000) for the
2 1994-95 fiscal year to be used for repairs, renovations, and construction at the State
3 parks and recreation areas.

4 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.