

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1192*

Short Title: LRC Study Disaster Relief.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

Referred to: Rules and Operation of the Senate.

May 24, 1993

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH COMMISSION TO
3 STUDY PROTECTION OF DISASTER RELIEF VOLUNTEERS.

4 Whereas, North Carolina's geographic location and climate make it
5 vulnerable to various natural disasters; and

6 Whereas, the State Division of Emergency Management relies upon
7 volunteers to help the citizens of North Carolina recover from the devastation of such
8 disasters; and

9 Whereas, the State Division of Emergency Management has requested the
10 assistance of statewide volunteer organizations to provide volunteer labor and donated
11 materials to citizens and communities impacted by natural disasters; and

12 Whereas, G.S. 166A-14, G.S. 166A-15, and other statutes appear to provide
13 limited liability protection to disaster relief volunteers acting under the auspices of the
14 State, but do not appear to provide protection to disaster relief volunteers who
15 themselves are injured during and as a result of volunteer activities; and

16 Whereas, the lack of protection, real or perceived, is a powerful deterrent to
17 statewide volunteer organizations to providing or coordinating volunteer services; Now,
18 therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 Section 1. The Legislative Research Commission may study the adequacy of
21 protection for disaster relief volunteer workers and organizations or those providing
22 other volunteer services to the State.

1 Sec. 2. The Legislative Research Commission may make a report and
2 recommendations to the 1993 General Assembly, Regular Session 1994, and a final
3 report to the 1995 General Assembly.

4 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative
5 Research Commission fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal year to
6 fund the study.

7 Sec. 4. This act is effective upon ratification.