



Whereas, Lea Island in Pender County is one of the few remaining undeveloped barrier islands on the North Carolina coast; contains examples of high quality coastal natural communities; provides excellent breeding and migration habitat for wildlife, including several rare species; and has been found to possess biological and scenic resources of statewide significance; and

Whereas, the North Carolina State Office of the National Audubon Society has expressed particular interest in the protection of Lea Island and is willing to partner with the State to provide long-term management for the site; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Environment  
3 and Natural Resources to add Lea Island State Natural Area to the State Parks System as  
4 provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b).

5           Section 2. The Department of Administration is directed to transfer or  
6 otherwise convey for no monetary consideration approximately 150 acres in Burke  
7 County to Western Piedmont Community College property for an agricultural campus.  
8 The property adjoins current County of Burke, Western Piedmont Community College,  
9 North Carolina School for the Deaf, and Broughton Hospital property. Of that land, not  
10 to exceed 12 acres may be made available by Western Piedmont Community College to  
11 the County of Burke for the purpose of building the Burke County Agriculture Extension  
12 Complex.

13           Section 3. The State land located in Raleigh bounded by Blue Ridge Road on  
14 the west, Wade Avenue on the south, the Raleigh beltline on the east, and the Meredith  
15 Woods subdivision on the north is hereby reallocated to the Department of Cultural  
16 Resources for the North Carolina Museum of Art.

17           Section 4. The following sections of prior session laws are repealed: Section  
18 25.25 of Chapter 802 of the 1977 Session Laws; Section 46 of Chapter 1086 of the 1988  
19 Session Laws; and Section 73 of Chapter 561 of the 1993 Session Laws.

20           Section 5. This act is effective when it becomes law.