

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 546\***

Short Title: Rural Economic Dev. Ctr. Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Owens, Hunter, Fox; Wainwright, Smith, and Buchanan.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 23, 1999

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA RURAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF WATER AND WASTEWATER PROGRAMS UNDER THE 1998 CRITICAL NEEDS BOND ACT.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Rural Economic Development Center, Inc., the sum of two hundred twenty-one thousand nine hundred twenty-four dollars (\$221,924) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of two hundred twenty-eight thousand two hundred fifty-eight dollars (\$228,258) for fiscal year 2000-2001 to implement the Rural Center's responsibility under the Critical Needs Bond Act.

The funds shall be used for the administration and staffing of the following programs:

- (1) The Capacity Building Grants Program which supports the proper planning for critical needs projects including preparation of Capital Improvement Plans, Master Water and Sewer Plans, Environmental Assessments, and preliminary engineering reports as required to support applications for grant funds.
- (2) The Supplemental Grants Program which provides funds for needed projects.

1           (3)    The Unsewered Communities Program which assists unsewered  
2                    communities with the installation of sewer collection and treatment  
3                    systems.

4           Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.