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SENATE BILL 1035

Short Title: Marine Sciences Research Committee Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

April 15, 1999

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO ESTABLISH THE MARINE SCIENCES RESEARCH ORGANIZATION
PLANNING COMMITTEE.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is established the Marine Sciences Research Organization Planning Committee. The Committee is charged with recommending an organizational and funding structure to effectively ensure cooperative efforts among North Carolina institutions involved in marine science research. The Committee shall consider all options that will lead to realization of North Carolina's potential in marine science and preservation of its coastal resources. The Committee shall also consider all of the following:

- (1) Physical facilities and their utilization;
- (2) Research funding sources;
- (3) Methods of setting research priorities;
- (4) Incentives to strengthen cooperation among various state entities; and
- (5) Organizational changes.

Section 2. The Committee shall consist of the chancellors of East Carolina University, North Carolina State University, the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, the University of North Carolina at Wilmington, and three persons selected by the chancellors who are knowledgeable in the field of marine science research. If any other

1 constituent institution becomes involved in marine science research, then the chancellor
2 of that university shall also be included as a member of the Committee. Vacancies shall
3 be filled in the same manner as the original selections. The Committee shall be chaired by
4 the Chancellor of North Carolina State University.

5 Section 3. The Committee members shall receive no salary for serving but
6 shall receive necessary subsistence and travel expenses in accordance with the provisions
7 of G.S. 138-5 and G.S. 138-6 as applicable.

8 Section 4. The Marine Sciences Research Organization Planning Committee
9 shall report its recommendation to the General Assembly by March 1, 2000. The
10 Committee shall dissolve upon submission of its report.

11 Section 5. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of
12 Governors of The University of North Carolina for the 1999-2000 fiscal year the sum of
13 one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the expenses of the Committee. These
14 funds shall be transferred by the Board of Governors to North Carolina State University
15 to serve as fiscal agent for the Committee.

16 Section 6. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.