

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1511

Short Title: Hope Mills Area State Park Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Shaw of Cumberland; Lucas, Rand, Robinson, and Weinstein.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 30, 2000

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE ADDITION OF PROPERTY IN THE VICINITY OF**
3 **HOPE MILLS IN CUMBERLAND COUNTY TO THE STATE PARKS SYSTEM**
4 **AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PURCHASE THIS PROPERTY AND TO**
5 **DEVELOP IT AS A STATE PARK.**

Whereas, Section 5 of Article XIV of the State Constitution states that it shall be a proper function of the State of North Carolina to acquire and preserve park, recreational, and scenic areas and, in every other appropriate way, to preserve as a part of the common heritage of this State its open lands and places of beauty; and,

Whereas, the General Assembly enacted the State Parks Act in 1987, declaring that the State of North Carolina offers unique archaeological, geological, biological, scenic, and recreational resources, and that such resources are part of the heritage of the people of the State to be preserved and managed by those people for their use and for the use of their visitors and descendants; and,

Whereas, the area in the vicinity of Hope Mills in Cumberland County contains examples of outstanding scenic beauty; would provide outstanding opportunities for recreation to the public; and has been found to possess biological, scenic, and recreational resources of statewide significance; Now, therefore,

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. The General Assembly authorizes the Department of Environment
2 and Natural Resources to add property in the vicinity of Hope Mills in Cumberland
3 County to the State Parks System as provided in G.S. 113-44.14(b).

4 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
5 Environment and Natural Resources a sum for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to purchase
6 property in the vicinity of Hope Mills in Cumberland County to create a State Park under
7 Section 1 of this act and for the costs of developing a State Park on that property.

8 Section 3. This act is effective when it becomes law.