

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1152

Short Title: NC Cancer Institute Capital Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Parnell.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 15, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 **AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA CANCER**
3 **INSTITUTE, INC., A NONPROFIT CORPORATION, FOR THE**
4 **CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SKILLED NURSING FACILITY IN ROBESON**
5 **COUNTY.**

Whereas, the North Carolina Cancer Institute, Inc., is a nonprofit, 52-bed nursing facility located in Lumberton, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Institute originated from an idea of some concerned citizens wanting to establish a hospital that would be dedicated to patients with terminal cancer; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Cancer Institute, Inc., was incorporated in 1951, and opened its doors on March 24, 1952; and

Whereas, from 1957 to 1993, the Institute was licensed as a Chronic Disease Hospital, one of few such facilities in the United States; and

Whereas, in 1993, the Institute eliminated its requirement that its patients had to have a diagnosis of cancer and since that time has cared for any patient needing skilled nursing services; and

Whereas, the growth of Robeson County, the increased need for skilled nursing, and an outdated 52-bed facility have created the need for the Institute to expand; and

Whereas, the present location of the Institute will not allow for expansion; and

Whereas, since a majority of the Institute's patients are economically disadvantaged and most of the revenue generated from their care is used to provide skilled nurses, the Institute needs State funds to expand its facility in order to continue to provide its invaluable services to the citizens of Robeson County and North Carolina; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the North Carolina
3 Cancer Institute, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)
4 for the 1996-97 fiscal year to assist the Institute in constructing a new skilled nursing
5 facility in Robeson County.

6 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.