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SENATE BILL 48

Short Title: Disaster Relief Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Ballantine.

Referred to: Appropriations.

July 31, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE FUNDS TO BE ALLOCATED FROM THE SAVINGS
2 RESERVE ACCOUNT FOR DISASTER RELIEF.

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 Section 1. (a) The Director of the Budget shall allocate from the Savings Reserve
5 Account, commonly referred to as the "Rainy Day Fund", the sum of up to one hundred
6 million dollars (\$100,000,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for disaster relief activities in
7 counties that have been officially declared disaster areas due to the effects of the 1995-96
8 winter ice storm in the western part of the State, Hurricane Bertha, and any other
9 federally declared disasters that occur during the 1996-97 fiscal year. Allocations shall
10 be made by the Director as provided by the plan developed by the Department of Crime
11 Control and Public Safety in accordance with subsection (b) of this section.

12 (b) The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety, Division of
13 Emergency Management, shall develop a plan for distribution of funds authorized under
14 this section. In developing the plan, the Department shall ensure that funds are allocated
15 in accordance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requirements such
16 that the purposes for which allocations are made qualify for federal disaster relief, that
17 allocations meet federal assistance and matching requirements, and that funds allocated in
18 excess of matching requirements are reimbursed to the State to the maximum extent
19 allowable under federal law. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-16.1, the Department of Crime
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1 Control and Public Safety shall reimburse the State in the amount of federal funds
2 received for the disaster relief purposes stated in subsection (a) of this section.

3 (c) The Director of the Budget shall deposit to the Savings Reserve Account all
4 funds received from the federal government as reimbursement for funds allocated under
5 this section. Funds authorized but not allocated under this section shall revert to the
6 Savings Reserve Account on June 30, 1997.

7 (d) The Director of the Budget and the Department of Crime Control and Public
8 Safety shall report to the General Assembly not later than July 31, 1996, and to the Joint
9 Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations on or before October 1, 1996, and
10 March 1, 1997, on actions taken to implement this section.

11 Sec. 2. This act is effective upon ratification.