

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013**

**SESSION LAW 2014-100
SENATE BILL 744**

AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS OF STATE DEPARTMENTS, INSTITUTIONS, AND AGENCIES, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. INTRODUCTION AND TITLE OF ACT

TITLE OF ACT

SECTION 1.1. This act shall be known as "The Current Operations and Capital Improvements Appropriations Act of 2014."

INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1.2. The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated are not required to perform these services and accomplish these purposes and, except as allowed by the State Budget Act, or this act, the savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year as provided in G.S. 143C-1-2(b).

PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION GENERAL FUND

CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/GENERAL FUND

SECTION 2.1. Appropriations from the General Fund of the State for the maintenance of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are adjusted for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, according to the schedule that follows. Amounts set out in parentheses are reductions from General Fund appropriations for the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

Current Operations – General Fund

2014-2015

EDUCATION

Community Colleges System Office

\$ 24,423,804

Department of Public Instruction

58,874,986

University of North Carolina – Board of Governors

Appalachian State University

East Carolina University

Academic Affairs

(620,650)

Health Affairs

Elizabeth City State University

Fayetteville State University

North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University

North Carolina Central University



Security Administration or as established by rules of the Wildlife Resources Commission."

SECTION 14.25.(f) Subsections (a) and (e) of this section become effective August 1, 2014.

OVERSIGHT OF CERVIDS

SECTION 14.26.(a) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall not issue a transportation permit for the importation of cervids into the State prior to July 1, 2017.

SECTION 14.26.(b) For purposes of this section, "USDA Standards" means the United States Department of Agriculture's Chronic Wasting Disease Program Standards, May 2014 edition, and subsequent updates, but does not include any authority given to a State to adopt standards more stringent than those expressly set out in the May 2014 edition or subsequent updates.

SECTION 14.26.(c) Nothing in this section is intended to limit the issuance by the Commission of new captivity licenses or permits for cervid facilities containing only cervids originating within the State from facilities with an existing captivity license or permit that have achieved certified status.

SECTION 14.26.(d) Except as further limited by subsection (a) of this section, or as modified by subsection (c) of this section, and notwithstanding any other provision of law or regulations adopted by the Commission to the contrary, the Commission shall follow the USDA Standards in carrying out its authority to regulate cervids.

SECTION 14.26.(e) G.S. 113-272.6(a) reads as rewritten:

"(a) The Wildlife Resources Commission shall regulate the transportation, including importation and exportation, and possession of cervids, including game carcasses and parts of game carcasses extracted by hunters. The Commission shall allow the sale of antlers, antler velvet, or hides from captive populations of cervids. The Commission shall adopt rules to implement this section, including requirements for captivity licenses, captivity permits, and transportation permits. The rules adopted pursuant to this section shall establish standards of care for the transportation and possession of cervids, including requirements for fencing, tagging, record keeping, and inspection of captive cervid facilities. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, the Commission may charge a fee of up to fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the processing of applications for captivity licenses, captivity permits, and transportation permits, and the renewal or modification of those licenses and permits. The fees collected shall be applied to the costs of administering this section."

SECTION 14.26.(f) No later than March 1, 2015, the Wildlife Resources Commission shall report to the Agriculture and Forestry Awareness Study Commission regarding differences between the USDA Standards and rules adopted by the Wildlife Resources Commission under the authority granted by G.S. 113-272.6. The report shall include a list and brief summary of rules adopted by the Commission in effect immediately prior to the enactment of this act that are more stringent than the USDA Standards.

INTERSTATE CHEMICALS CLEARINGHOUSE

SECTION 14.27. The Department of Environment and Natural Resources is authorized to join the Interstate Chemicals Clearinghouse for the purpose of access to key data necessary to enhance safety in the use of toxic substances.

WATER AND SEWER FUNDS/FOREST CITY

SECTION 14.28. Of the funds appropriated in this act to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for grants to local governments for critical needs water infrastructure development grants, the sum of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) shall be allocated to the town of Forest City for a water line extension.

PART XV. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

ABC COMMISSION/USE OF FUNDS CREDITED TO ABC COMMISSION FUND

SECTION 15.1. G.S. 18B-208 reads as rewritten:

"§ 18B-208. ABC Commission bonds and funds.

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modifications made to the 2014-2015 budget prior to sine die adjournment of the 2013 Regular Session.

SECTION 38.3.(b) The Director of the Fiscal Research Division of the Legislative Services Commission shall send a copy of the report issued pursuant to this section to the Director of the Budget. The report shall be published on the General Assembly's Internet Web site for public access.

MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO 2014-2015 FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 38.4. Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly indicate an intention to have effects beyond the 2014-2015 fiscal year, the textual provisions of this act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring during, the 2014-2015 fiscal year.

EFFECT OF HEADINGS

SECTION 38.5. The headings to the parts and sections of this act are a convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand, limit, or define the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a part.

APPROPRIATIONS LIMITATIONS AND DIRECTIONS APPLY

SECTION 38.6.(a) Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the provisions of S.L. 2013-360, S.L. 2013-363, S.L. 2013-364, and S.L. 2013-397 remain in effect.

SECTION 38.6.(b) Notwithstanding any modifications by this act in the amounts appropriated, except where expressly repealed or amended, the limitations and directions for the 2014-2015 fiscal year in S.L. 2013-360, S.L. 2013-363, S.L. 2013-364, and S.L. 2013-397 that applied to appropriations to particular agencies or for particular purposes apply to the newly enacted appropriations and budget reductions of this act for those same particular purposes.

SEVERABILITY

SECTION 38.7. If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 38.8. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2014.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 2nd day of August, 2014.

s/ Chad Barefoot
Presiding Officer of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 9:10 a.m. this 7th day of August, 2014