

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 748

Short Title: N.C. Solar Center Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Basnight, Bryan; Daniel, Johnson of Wake, Murphy, Sherron, and Tally.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 3, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SOLAR
2 CENTER.
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4 Whereas, solar energy applications offer a means of lowering energy costs for
5 homes and businesses, and, therefore, help to expand the availability of affordable
6 housing and commercial space to our State's citizens; and

7 Whereas, the implementation of solar technologies will decrease the
8 dependence of North Carolinians on foreign sources of energy, and, therefore, reduce
9 our vulnerability to future supply interruptions; and

10 Whereas, solar energy is relatively benign in its environmental impact and
11 tends to mitigate some of the effects of global warming and acid rain normally
12 associated with the combustion of fossil fuels; and

13 Whereas, North Carolina State University, through the North Carolina State
14 University Solar House, has established an effective solar extension program since
15 1981, demonstrating to over 20,000 visitors each year that solar energy is economical
16 and affordable by virtue of the Solar House's low fuel and utility costs (less than seventy
17 dollars (\$70.00) per winter); and

18 Whereas, the oil restitution monies for the initial funding of the North
19 Carolina Solar Center are restricted to program delivery, the Solar Center Advisory
20 Board has unanimously recommended that a basic funding source be established to
21 cover core administrative expenses on a continuing basis; Now, therefore,

22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Commerce for fiscal year 1989-90 the sum of one hundred ninety-seven thousand two
3 hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$197,239) and for fiscal year 1990-91 the sum of one
4 hundred ninety-seven thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$197,239) for
5 administrative and core program costs of the North Carolina Solar Center located on the
6 campus of North Carolina State University.

7 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.