## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

## **SESSION 1997**

SENATE BILL 99

Short Title: N.C. Botanical Garden Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lee; and Foxx.

Referred to: Appropriations.

## February 12, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE NORTH CAROLINA BOTANICAL GARDEN AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL IS THE OFFICIAL STATE BOTANICAL GARDEN.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of one hundred sixty thousand dollars (\$160,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year for the operating and maintenance expenses of the North Carolina Botanical Garden of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of five million six hundred thousand dollars (\$5,600,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to construct an herbarium and research center at the North Carolina Botanical Garden of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Section 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of two million nine hundred

1	thousand dollars (\$2,900,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to construct a visitor center at
2	the North Carolina Botanical Garden of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.
3	Section 4. Chapter 145 of the General Statutes is amended by adding a new
4	section to read:
5	" <u>§ 145-18. State Botanical Garden.</u>
6	The North Carolina Botanical Garden of the University of North Carolina at Chapel
7	Hill is adopted as the official botanical garden of the State of North Carolina."
8	Section 5. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.