

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 719**

Short Title: GIS Implementation Plan/Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Tolson; Faison and Rapp.

Referred to: Science and Technology, if favorable, Appropriations.

March 23, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO IMPLEMENT THE STATE GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION  
CONSOLIDATION PLAN AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THAT PURPOSE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.(a)** Findings. – The General Assembly finds that there is a critical need for consolidating the investments made in geographic information systems (GIS) and developing common infrastructures in order for the State to reap all the potential benefits of GIS at the lowest cost.

**SECTION 1.(b)** Implementation Plan. – The recommendations outlined in the 2008 legislative report prepared by the State Chief Information Officer, the Geographic Information Coordinating Council, and the Office of State Budget and Management, made pursuant to Section 6.13 of S.L. 2008-107, entitled "State Geographic Information Consolidation Implementation Plan," shall be implemented in four distinct work streams, as follows:

- (1) Transferring the Center for Geographic Information and Analysis to the Office of the State Chief Information Officer and establishing appropriated funding for staff activities supporting the Geographic Information Coordinating Council, statewide standards, and the coordination of data acquisition.
- (2) Reestablishing the professional services component and refocusing that effort toward current needs of the community, while reducing those overhead costs.
- (3) Revitalizing the NC OneMap project by leveraging new technology in the market to reduce costs while increasing utility of the service.
- (4) Establishing a GIS Reserve Fund for the acquisition of data layers which may be useful to multiple organizations and through which data acquisition may be procured to reduce cost.

**SECTION 2.(a)** Transfers of Agencies, Powers, Duties. – The statutory authority, powers, duties, functions, records, personnel, property, and unexpended balances of appropriations, allocations, or other funds of the State agencies and subunits listed in this subsection are transferred from those entities to the State Chief Information Officer, Office of Information Technology Services, with all of the elements of a Type II transfer as defined by G.S. 143A-6:

- (1) The North Carolina Geographic Information Coordinating Council.
- (2) The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis.

The Center for Geographic Information and Analysis shall remain in its current office space unless the State Chief Information Officer determines otherwise.



1           **SECTION 2.(b)** The State Chief Information Officer shall coordinate a  
2 professional services component for GIS coordination with the Center for Geographic  
3 Information and Analysis that is refocused toward current community needs.

4           **SECTION 2.(c)** The State Chief Information Officer, in cooperation with the  
5 Geographic Information Coordinating Council, shall coordinate the refocusing of the NC  
6 OneMap GIS infrastructure project to leverage new technology, to increase the utility of GIS  
7 services, and to reduce GIS data layer costs through singly managed contracts.

8           **SECTION 3.** There is established in the Office of State Budget and Management  
9 the GIS Reserve Fund, which shall be nonreverting, for the purpose of acquiring and managing,  
10 at the lowest cost, data layers useful to multiple State and local organizations, according to the  
11 priorities set by the Geographic Information Coordinating Council. The GIS Reserve Fund may  
12 receive private grants and may include State, federal, local, and matching funds.

13           **SECTION 4.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Information  
14 Technology Enterprise Fund in the Office of Information Technology Services the sum of six  
15 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of six  
16 hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$650,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year to effectuate the  
17 transfers mandated by Section 2 of this act.

18           **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.