

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 823

Short Title: Hurricane Florence/Supplemental Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Brown and B. Jackson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget

November 27, 2018

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL DISASTER RELIEF IN RESPONSE TO
HURRICANE FLORENCE.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**PART I. APPROPRIATIONS/AVAILABILITY/ALLOCATIONS OF FUNDS FOR
HURRICANE FLORENCE DISASTER RELIEF**

SECTION 1.1. The appropriations and allocations made in this act are for maximum amounts necessary to implement this act. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated or allocated are not required to implement this act.

SECTION 1.2. There is appropriated from the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund the sum of two hundred ninety-nine million eight hundred thousand dollars (\$299,800,000) for the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

SECTION 1.3. The funds appropriated in Section 1.2 of this act in the Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Fund created in S.L. 2018-134 shall be allocated as follows:

- (1) Twenty-three million five hundred thousand dollars (\$23,500,000) to the Department of Public Instruction to be used to repair and renovate facilities of local school administrative units, laboratory schools, and innovative schools damaged by Hurricane Florence, and to repair or replace damaged furnishings and equipment of those facilities.
- (2) One million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) to the Department of Public Instruction to be used to repair or replace food, food nutrition equipment, and food nutrition supplies damaged by Hurricane Florence in local school administrative units, laboratory schools, charter schools, and innovative schools participating in the National School Lunch Program or School Breakfast Program.
- (3) Two hundred forty million dollars (\$240,000,000) to the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Hurricane Florence Agricultural Disaster Program of 2018, established in Section 5.11 of S.L. 2018-136, as amended by Section 2.5 of this act.
- (4) Five million dollars (\$5,000,000) to the Office of State Budget and Management for The Golden L.E.A.F. (Long-Term Economic Advancement Foundation), Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to provide grants to eligible entities capable of making loans to small businesses affected by Hurricane Florence. These funds shall not be subject to G.S. 143C-6-23(d).



- 1 (5) Ten million dollars (\$10,000,000) to the Department of Environmental
2 Quality, Division of Marine Fisheries to be used for commercial fishing
3 assistance.
- 4 (6) Two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) to the Department of
5 Environmental Quality, Division of Coastal Management to be used for the
6 nonfederal match to funding provided through the Emergency Watershed
7 Protection (EWP) Program administered by the Natural Resources
8 Conservation Service of the United States Department of Agriculture for the
9 removal of marine debris deposited along the shorelines of state-owned lands.
10 If the Division of Coastal Management does not receive EWP funding, this
11 allocation shall be used as provided in Section 5.12 of S.L. 2018-136.
- 12 (7) Fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to the Wildlife Resources Commission to
13 conduct the study required in this act.
- 14 (8) Eighteen million five hundred thousand dollars (\$18,500,000) to the
15 Department of Environmental Quality for the Coastal Storm Damage
16 Mitigation Fund. Notwithstanding G.S. 143-215.73M(c), funds allocated by
17 this subdivision may be used to provide no more than fifty percent (50%)
18 of the nonfederal share for a federally funded eligible project, and no more than
19 fifty percent (50%) of the total cost of an eligible project that is not federally
20 funded. For purposes of this subdivision, an "eligible project" is a project that
21 mitigates or remediates coastal storm damage to the ocean beaches and dune
22 systems of the State.
- 23 (9) One million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Judicial Department for the
24 replacement of equipment and supplies, contractual services, and additional
25 travel and personnel costs for additional court sessions required as a result of
26 disaster-related courthouse closures.

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28 **SECTION 1.4.** The availability for Hurricane Florence disaster recovery activities
29 in this act is set out below:

30 Total Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery Activities Availability	\$ 849,430,477
31 as provided in Section 2.1(b) of S.L. 2018-136	
32 Less Appropriations in S.L. 2018-134	\$ 56,500,000
33 Less Appropriations in S.L. 2018-136	\$ 398,430,477
34 Less Additional FY 2018-19 Appropriations	\$ 299,800,000
35 Unappropriated Balance Remaining	\$ 94,700,000

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37 **PART II. EFFECTIVE DATE**

38 **SECTION 2.1.** Except as otherwise provided, this act is effective when it becomes
39 law.