

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2015**

**SESSION LAW 2015-214
SENATE BILL 560**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DIRECTOR OF THE BUDGET TO CONTINUE EXPENDITURES FOR THE OPERATION OF GOVERNMENT AT THE LEVEL IN EFFECT ON JUNE 30, 2015, UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2015.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

BUDGET CONTINUATION

SECTION 1.1. Date Extended. – Section 9 of S.L. 2015-133 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 9.** Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2015, and expires ~~August 14, 2015,~~ August 31, 2015, at 11:59 P.M."

SECTION 1.2. Economic Development Funds. – There is appropriated from the General Fund for fiscal year 2015-2016 (i) to the JDIG Reserve established pursuant to G.S. 143C-9-6 the sum of ten million three hundred forty-two thousand five hundred forty-two dollars (\$10,342,542) to satisfy grant obligations and amounts to be transferred pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.61 to be paid during the fiscal year and (ii) to the One North Carolina Fund established pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.71 the sum of five million one hundred forty thousand two hundred thirty-nine dollars (\$5,140,239) to satisfy Fund allocations to be transferred pursuant to G.S. 143B-437.72 to be paid during the fiscal year.

SECTION 1.3. Continue ITS Rates. – Until expressly authorized by the General Assembly, the Office of Information Technology Services shall continue using the rates approved by the Office of State Budget and Management for fiscal year 2014-2015 for billing State agencies, local government entities, and any other supported organizations for its services.

SECTION 1.4. ITS Broadband Funding. – Beginning September 1, 2015, of the funding available to the Office of Information Technology Services, Office of Digital Infrastructure, the sum of up to thirty-five thousand two hundred six dollars (\$35,206) of appropriate funding may be used monthly during the 2015-2016 fiscal year to fund the following positions: an Information Technology Manager, a Networking Analyst, a Research Specialist, and one-half of the time for a Communications Specialist.

SECTION 1.5. At-Sea Observer Program. – Receipts generated from fee increases authorized in Section 14.9 of S.L. 2014-100 are appropriated for the purposes set forth in G.S. 113-173.1(b).

FEDERAL BLOCK GRANTS

SECTION 2.1. Effective July 1, 2015, Section 6 of S.L. 2015-133 reads as rewritten:

"**SECTION 6.(a)** ~~The~~ Except as otherwise provided in subsection (b) of this section, the Director of the Budget shall continue to allocate federal block grant funds at no greater than the levels provided in Section 12J.1 of S.L. 2014-100, Section 15.14 of S.L. 2013-360, and as otherwise provided by law, and appropriations from federal block grants are hereby made.

"**SECTION 6.(b)** There is appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Social Services, from Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Emergency Contingency Funds block grant funds, the sum of three million six hundred forty-seven thousand eight hundred twenty-five dollars (\$3,647,825) in additional funds for the 2015-2016 fiscal year to be allocated for subsidized child care."

OTHER RECEIPTS FROM PENDING GRANT AWARDS



SECTION 3.1.(a) Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-6-4, State agencies may, with approval of the Director of the Budget, spend funds received from grants awarded subsequent to the enactment of this act for grant awards that are for less than two million five hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000), do not require State matching funds, and will not be used for a capital project. State agencies shall report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations within 30 days of receipt of such funds.

State agencies may spend all other funds from grants awarded after the enactment of this act only with approval of the Director of the Budget and after consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

SECTION 3.1.(b) The Office of State Budget and Management shall work with the recipient State agencies to budget grant awards according to the annual program needs and within the parameters of the respective granting entities. Depending on the nature of the award, additional State personnel may be employed on a time-limited basis. Funds received from such grants are hereby appropriated and shall be incorporated into the authorized budget of the recipient State agency.

SECTION 3.1.(c) Notwithstanding the provisions of this section, no State agency may accept a grant not anticipated in this act if acceptance of the grant would obligate the State to make future expenditures relating to the program receiving the grant or would otherwise result in a financial obligation as a consequence of accepting the grant funds.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

SECTION 4.1. Revise Child Care Subsidy Policy Definition. – Effective September 1, 2015, the Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Child Development and Early Education, shall revise its child care subsidy policy to exclude from the policy's definition of "income unit" a nonparent relative caretaker, and the caretaker's spouse and child, if applicable, when the parent of the child receiving child care subsidy does not live in the home with the child.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 5.1. This act is effective when it becomes law.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 13th day of August, 2015.

s/ Philip E. Berger
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Tim Moore
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 2:40 p.m. this 13th day of August, 2015