

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1166*

Short Title: VFD Workers' Compensation/Appropriation.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Kerr, Warren; Hoyle, Cooper, Rand, Albertson, Odom, Speed, Kincaid, Martin of Pitt, Plyler, Conder, Carpenter, and Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 15, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR WORKERS' COMPENSATION FOR
VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND RESCUE/EMS WORKERS.**

Whereas, the 1995 General Assembly established the Workers' Compensation Fund in the Department of Insurance to provide workers' compensation coverage to volunteer fire and rescue/EMS units; and

Whereas, the 1995 General Assembly set up funding for the Workers' Compensation Fund as follows:

(1) A required contribution to the Fund from each eligible unit, to be set annually by the State Fire and Rescue Commission as a per capita fixed dollar amount for each member of the unit, the amount set for 1996-97 being estimated to yield one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000); and

(2) An appropriation for the 1996-97 fiscal year of an additional one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) directly from the General Fund, together providing a funding level of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year; and

Whereas, the Workers' Compensation Fund needs another three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year in addition to that already provided for to fully

fund the workers' compensation needs of the volunteer fire and rescue/EMS units; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Insurance for the 1996-97 fiscal year the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the
4 Workers' Compensation Fund established by G.S. 58-87-10 to provide workers'
5 compensation coverage for volunteer fire and rescue/EMS units.

6 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.