Short Title:	Funds to Track Greenhouse Gases Emissions.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Clodfelter and Albertson.	
Referred to:		

1   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2   AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO GLOBAL WARMING INITIATIVES, A
3   NONPROFIT CORPORATION THAT ENCOURAGES INDUSTRIES TO
4   REDUCE THEIR EMISSIONS OF GREENHOUSE GASES AND TO
5   VOLUNTARILY REPORT THEIR EMISSIONS FOR PUBLICATION IN A
6   REGISTRY TO BE PUBLISHED EVERY YEAR BY GLOBAL WARMING
7   INITIATIVES.
8   Whereas, in 1995 the United States Department of Energy and the United
9   States Environmental Protection Agency established a pilot program whereby industries
10 were encouraged to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, to increase energy and process
11 efficiency, and to voluntarily report their greenhouse gases emissions for publication so
12 that these emissions could be monitored; and
13   Whereas, in 2001, thirty-six North Carolina facilities voluntarily provided
14 data on their greenhouse gases emissions, more than any other state that year; and
15   Whereas, the federally sponsored pilot program ended June 30, 2001; and
16   Whereas, the State Energy Office of the Department of Administration
17 provided fifty thousand dollars ($50,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to support the
18 continuation of the efforts of the pilot program; however, these funds were not
19 continued for the 2002-2003 fiscal year due to the State's budget crisis and the lack of
20 matching funds; and
21   Whereas, in 2003, Global Warming Initiatives was incorporated as a
22 nonprofit corporation for the purpose of continuing the efforts begun by the federally
23 sponsored pilot program; Now, therefore,
24 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
25   **SECTION 1.**   There is appropriated from the General Fund to Global
26 Warming Initiatives the sum of four hundred thousand dollars ($400,000) for the

1 2004-2005 fiscal year, to be used to assist Global Warming Initiatives, a nonprofit
2 corporation, to do all of the following:
3   (1)   Encourage industries to reduce greenhouse gases emissions, to
4   increase energy and process efficiency, and to voluntarily report their
5   greenhouse gases emissions for publication.
6   (2)   Publish at least once each calendar year a registry of the data collected
7   from industries under subdivision (1) of this section.
8   (3)   Recruit additional industries to report their greenhouse gases
9   emissions.
10   (4)   Study ways to promote wider participation by industry in the voluntary
11   reporting of greenhouse gases emissions, including consideration of
12   the advisability of mandating industry to report these emissions.
13   (5)   Conduct seminars across the State to inform industry on the activities
14   of Global Warming Initiatives and the benefits of industry
15   participation in its reporting program.
16   (6)   Continue working with units of local government that participate in the
17   International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives, in which the
18   City of Durham, the Towns of Chapel Hill and Carrboro, and Orange
19   County currently participate.
20   (7)   Study the feasibility and desirability of promoting the use in North
21   Carolina of a cap and trade program whereby industries that emit less
22   than a maximum allowed level of greenhouse gases receive credit that
23   may be traded to industries that emit more than that level.
24   (8)   No later than December 1, 2005, report to the State Energy Office of
25   the Department of Administration, the Environmental Review
26   Commission, and the Fiscal Research Division, which report shall
27   include an itemized account of how the funds appropriated by this act
28   were used, how Global Warming Initiatives accomplished the
29   activities specified under this section, the success of each activity, and
30   any findings or recommendations regarding these activities in reducing
31   greenhouse gases emissions.
32   **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.