

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2025**

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**SENATE BILL 1000**

Short Title: Environmental Management Commission Staffing. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Barnes, Johnson, and Sanderson (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

May 4, 2026

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO PERMIT THE CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
3 COMMISSION TO HIRE TEMPORARY EMPLOYEES THROUGH THE TEMPORARY  
4 SOLUTIONS PROGRAM.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** G.S. 143B-283(b4) reads as rewritten:

7 "(b4) Commission Staff, Structure, and Function. –

8 (1) The chair is authorized and empowered to employ professional,  
9 administrative, technical, and clerical personnel as the chair may determine to  
10 be necessary in the proper discharge of the Commission's duty and  
11 responsibility as provided by law. The chair shall organize and direct the work  
12 of the Commission ~~staff~~ staff and may use the Temporary Solutions Program  
13 administered by the Office of State Human Resources at the chair's discretion  
14 to acquire new temporary employees. Any additional clerical and other  
15 services required by the Commission shall be supplied by the Secretary of the  
16 Department at the direction of the chair.

17 (2) The salaries and compensation of all such personnel shall be fixed in the  
18 manner provided by law for fixing and regulating salaries and compensation  
19 by other State agencies.

20 (3) The chair, within allowed budgetary limits and as allowed by law, shall  
21 authorize and approve travel, subsistence, and related expenses of such  
22 personnel incurred while traveling on official business."

23 **SECTION 2.** The General Fund appropriation to the Department of Environmental  
24 Quality for the purpose of providing dedicated staff for the Environmental Management  
25 Commission is reduced on a recurring basis by five thousand dollars (\$5,000).

26 **SECTION 3.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

