



SENATE BILL 429: Disaster Recovery - 2019 Budget Provisions.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	September 9, 2019
Introduced by:	Sen. Newton	Prepared by:	Kory Goldsmith
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OVERVIEW: *The proposed committee substitute contains identical appropriations and allocations for disaster recovery matters that are contained in the 2019 Appropriations Act (House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session).*

BILL ANALYSIS:

SECTIONS 1.1 through 1.4. appropriates, redirects, and reallocates \$112,603,000 to be spent on disaster recovery efforts primarily related to Hurricane Florence, but also some selected other natural disasters.

SECTION 2.1 sets out the identical allocations to various State, local, and private entities that are contained in House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session and the associated Committee Report. It also contains certain directions related to how the funds may be used and whether any local match is required.

SECTION 3.1(a)-(c) relates to "directed grants" as provided in Section 5.3 of House Bill 966, 2019 Regular Session. The term "directed grant" means funds allocated by a State agency to a non-State entity as directed by the General Assembly. A non-State entity is currently defined in the State Budget Act as any of the following that is not a State agency: an individual, a firm, a partnership, an association, a county, a corporation, or any other organization or group acting as a unit. The term includes a unit of local government and public authority. The Section also includes reporting and distribution requirements. The funds do not revert until June 30, 2021, and this section expires June 30, 2021.

SECTION 3.2. expands language related to funds made available to volunteer fire departments for damages caused by Hurricane Florence.

SECTION 3.3. allows farmers in additional counties impacted by natural disasters other than Florence and Michael to apply for the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services Farmer Assistance. The additional counties are Henderson, Buncombe, Haywood, Polk, Rutherford and Transylvania.

SECTION 3.4. extends certain Coastal Area Management Authority Emergency Permits until October 21, 2020.

SECTION 4.1. makes certain reporting requirements and use of funds limitations that were contained in the primary Hurricane Florence Disaster Recovery bill (S.L. 2018-136) also applicable this bill.

SECTION 5.1. repeals the disaster recovery portions of H966 if that should become law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

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