

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 408

Short Title: Poverty Project Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Walker; Marvin, Hunt of Moore, Smith, and Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 14, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA POVERTY
2 PROJECT, INC., FOR PERSONNEL AND OPERATING EXPENSES OF THE
3 POVERTY INFORMATION SERVICE.
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5 Whereas, in North Carolina there are nearly one million persons living in
6 poverty, which is twenty percent (20%) higher than the national average; and

7 Whereas, poverty is a waste of human resources, an economic drain on
8 society, and will handicap the future of North Carolina; and

9 Whereas, during the 1960's the federal government assumed responsibility for
10 establishing policies, strategies, and funding for dealing with poverty; and

11 Whereas, during the 1980's the federal government cut back, and much
12 responsibility for policies, strategies, and funding has been shifted to the states and local
13 governments; and

14 Whereas, fulfilling the State's responsibility for establishing more effective
15 policies for dealing with poverty in North Carolina requires comprehensive information
16 both about the poverty situation and about the many governmental and private programs
17 attempting to deal with poverty in the State; and

18 Whereas, efforts to deal with poverty have never been addressed on a
19 statewide basis in a coordinated way because such information was not available; and

20 Whereas, the North Carolina Poverty Project, Inc., is a private, independent,
21 nonpartisan organization providing statewide educational programs engaging persons of
22 many sectors in addressing their civic responsibility for dealing with the blight of
23 poverty; and

1 Whereas, the North Carolina Poverty Project has found widespread need by
2 government departments, legislative committees, schools, colleges and universities, and
3 the media for reliable data and other information about North Carolina poverty and the
4 many poverty programs; and

5 Whereas, the North Carolina Poverty Project is seeking to add a readily
6 available special service providing comprehensive, up-to-date information about
7 poverty and poverty programs in North Carolina; Now, therefore,
8 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

9 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The North
10 Carolina Poverty Project, Inc., the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)
11 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of one hundred ten thousand dollars (\$110,000)
12 for the 1990-91 fiscal year for personnel and operating expenses of the poverty
13 information service.

14 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.