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Short Title: Stop Funds for LLRW Siting.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO ELIMINATE STATE FUNDING RELATED TO SITING A LOW-LEVEL RADIOACTIVE WASTE FACILITY IN NORTH CAROLINA.

Whereas, the future viability of the interstate compact system provided for and encouraged by Congress and enacted by many states has been called into question by national trends in the handling and disposal of low-level radioactive waste; and

Whereas, it has become clear that fewer low-level radioactive waste facilities will be required to handle safely the nation's low-level radioactive waste than was initially envisioned under the compact system; and

Whereas, because of such considerations and trends, other host states have stopped siting activities; and

Whereas, it would not be prudent for North Carolina to expend further or additional monies on siting activities until further review of the future of the compact system has occurred; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. All funds appropriated to or for the use of the North Carolina Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority, created in G.S. 104G-5, for the 1997-98 fiscal year, for the 1998-99 fiscal year, and for any preceding fiscal year that are not spent, encumbered, or committed shall not be spent, encumbered, or committed and shall revert to the General Fund.

1 Section 2. No department, institution, agency, authority, board, or commission
2 of the State shall use its funds for the operation, maintenance, or support of the North
3 Carolina Low-Level Radioactive Waste Management Authority or its staff. No
4 department, institution, agency, authority, board, or commission of the State shall use its
5 funds for any activities or staff positions related to siting a low-level radioactive waste
6 facility pursuant to Chapter 104G of the General Statutes or related to reviewing the
7 application of a license of such a facility.

8 Section 3. This act shall not preclude any department from properly archiving
9 data, physical property, or other information collected with respect to siting a low-level
10 radioactive waste facility pursuant to Chapter 104G of the General Statutes.

11 Section 4. This act is effective when it becomes law.