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SENATE BILL 1262  
Appropriations Committee Substitute Adopted 9/23/98

Short Title: Attorneys Fees/Settlement Funds.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ATTORNEYS FEES IN A CASE  
3 CHALLENGING THE 1992 CONGRESSIONAL REDISTRICTING PLAN AND  
4 TO AUTHORIZE THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR  
5 THE BAILEY/EMORY/PATTON CASES REFUNDS.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. (a) There is established a special reserve fund in the Office of State  
8 Budget and Management to compensate the law firm of Maupin Taylor & Ellis, P.A. for  
9 its representation of Art Pope and others in the case of Pope v. Hunt, which is a challenge  
10 to the congressional redistricting plan adopted by the 1991 General Assembly. The fund  
11 shall be entitled "Reserve for Attorneys Fees in the Case of Pope v. Hunt."

12 (b) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and  
13 Management the sum of five hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$550,000) for the 1998-99  
14 fiscal year. The Director of the Budget shall allocate the funds from the Reserve for  
15 Attorneys Fees in the Case of Pope v. Hunt pursuant to the order entered in the case of  
16 Pope v. Hunt (97-1697, 4th Circuit Court of Appeals).

17 (c) Any funds remaining in the reserve established pursuant to this section after  
18 the firm of Maupin Taylor & Ellis, P.A. has been compensated pursuant to the Court's  
19 order shall revert to the General Fund.

1           Section 2. There is established in the Office of State Treasurer a Reserve Fund  
2 for the Bailey/Emory/Patton Cases Refunds.

3           There is transferred from General Fund overcollections for the 1997-98 fiscal  
4 year to the Office of State Treasurer, Reserve for the Bailey/Emory/Patton Cases  
5 Refunds, the sum of four hundred million dollars (\$400,000,000). These funds shall be  
6 held in reserve and allocated pursuant to the Consent Order entered in the  
7 Bailey/Emory/Patton cases, 92 CVS 10221, 94 CVS 06904, 95 CVS 06625, 95 CVS  
8 08230, 98 CVS 00738, and 95 CVS 04346, in Wake County Superior Court on 10 June  
9 1998.

10           Notwithstanding the provisions of G.S. 114-2.1 and G.S. 114-2.2, the Consent  
11 Order shall be effective when approved by the Court and the Governor signs this  
12 legislation into law.

13           Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.