

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**SENATE BILL 189**

Short Title: ECU Stadium Expansion Funds.

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Sponsors: Senators Warren, Conder, Martin of Pitt; Albertson, Jordan, and Phillips.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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February 19, 1997

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED**

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA TO COMPLETE THE EXPANSION OF  
THE DOWDY-FICKLEN STADIUM AT EAST CAROLINA UNIVERSITY.**

Whereas, the addition of 2,350 seats at the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at East Carolina University will bring the seating capacity to 44,350; and

Whereas, a larger Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium will meet the demands of football fans, but it will also increase revenue, promote tourism, provide a facility for special events, and enhance the ECU football team's potential in Conference USA; and

Whereas, State funding is needed to complete the expansion of the stadium to benefit Eastern North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of seven million dollars (\$7,000,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year to complete the expansion of the Dowdy-Ficklen Stadium at East Carolina University, provided these funds are matched on the basis of two dollars (\$2.00) of non-State funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) of State funds.

Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.