

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 726

Short Title: Establish Mt. Island State Forest.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Rayfield.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 27, 2003

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CAPITAL AND OPERATIONAL COSTS OF ESTABLISHING THE MOUNTAIN ISLAND EDUCATIONAL STATE FOREST TO BE LOCATED IN LINCOLN AND GASTON COUNTIES.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of three million two hundred fifty-five thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars (\$3,255,581) for the 2003-2004 fiscal year to be allocated as follows:

- (1) \$2,717,300 shall be used for the capital costs associated with preparing the site and constructing offices, an educational center, and associated structures to establish the Mountain Island Educational State Forest to be located in Lincoln and Gaston Counties; and
- (2) \$538,281 shall be used to establish and support five positions for the Mountain Island Educational State Forest and for equipment needed for these positions.

SECTION 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Forest Resources of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of two hundred sixty-eight thousand eight hundred forty-six dollars (\$268,846) for the 2004-2005 fiscal year to maintain and support the positions and equipment under Section 1 of this act.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2003.