

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 257

Short Title: 2025 Appropriations Act. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Jackson, Hise, and Lee (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

March 11, 2025

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO MAKE BASE BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT OPERATIONS
OF STATE AGENCIES, DEPARTMENTS, AND INSTITUTIONS.
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

PART I. TITLE AND INTRODUCTION

TITLE OF ACT

SECTION 1.1. This act shall be known as the "Current Operations Appropriations Act of 2025."

INTRODUCTION

SECTION 1.2. The appropriations made in this act are for maximum amounts necessary to provide the services and accomplish the purposes described in the budget in accordance with the State Budget Act. Savings shall be effected where the total amounts appropriated are not required to perform these services and accomplish these purposes, and the savings shall revert to the appropriate fund at the end of each fiscal year, except as otherwise provided by law.

PART II. CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/GENERAL FUND

GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATIONS

SECTION 2. Appropriations from the General Fund for the budgets of the State departments, institutions, and agencies, and for other purposes as enumerated, are made for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

PART III. HIGHWAY FUND AND HIGHWAY TRUST FUND

CURRENT OPERATIONS AND EXPANSION/HIGHWAY FUND

SECTION 3.1. Appropriations from the State Highway Fund for the maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as enumerated are made for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

HIGHWAY TRUST FUND APPROPRIATIONS



SECTION 3.2. Appropriations from the State Highway Trust Fund for the maintenance and operation of the Department of Transportation and for other purposes as enumerated are made for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

PART IV. BLOCK GRANTS

DHHS BLOCK GRANTS

SECTION 4.1. Appropriations from federal block grant funds are made for each fiscal year of the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, in accordance with the provisions of this act.

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PART V. MISCELLANEOUS

STATE BUDGET ACT APPLIES

SECTION 5.1. The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in this act by reference.

MOST TEXT APPLIES ONLY TO THE 2025-2027 FISCAL BIENNIUM

SECTION 5.2. Except for statutory changes or other provisions that clearly indicate an intention to have effects beyond the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium, the textual provisions of this act apply only to funds appropriated for, and activities occurring during, the 2025-2027 fiscal biennium.

EFFECT OF HEADINGS

SECTION 5.3. The headings to the Parts, subparts, and sections of this act are a convenience to the reader and are for reference only. The headings do not expand, limit, or define the text of this act, except for effective dates referring to a Part or subpart.

SEVERABILITY CLAUSE

SECTION 5.4. If any section or provision of this act is declared unconstitutional or invalid by the courts, it does not affect the validity of this act as a whole or any part other than the part so declared to be unconstitutional or invalid.

EFFECTIVE DATE

SECTION 5.5. Except as otherwise provided, this act becomes effective July 1, 2025.