



HOUSE BILL 159: State Search and Rescue Funding.

2019-2020 General Assembly

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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 159 would appropriate \$2,300,000 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of \$2,300,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in recurring funds, from the General Fund, to the Division of Emergency Management of the North Carolina Department of Public Safety for the State Search and Rescue Program.*

CURRENT LAW/BILL ANALYSIS: Article 6 of Chapter 166A contains the laws related to North Carolina Search and Rescue, which is a program establishing a specialized team or group of teams, organized with capabilities equivalent to search and rescue teams established under the Federal Emergency Management Agency in order to assist in the removal of trapped victims during emergencies, including, but not limited to, collapsed structures, trench excavations, elevated locations, and other technical rescue situations.

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The funds shall be used in partnership with units of local government to supplement local funds for equipment and provide other items necessary to ensure statewide search and rescue services.

Any match requirement established by the Secretary may be satisfied by the sponsoring local agency with cash payments or in-kind contributions.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would become effective July 1, 2019.

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