

1 (a) Use of Funds. – ~~Funds~~ Except as otherwise provided for in this section, funds for
2 repairs and renovations shall be available for expenditure only upon an act of appropriation by
3 the General Assembly. Funds appropriated for repairs and renovations shall be used only for
4 State facilities and related infrastructure that are supported from the General Fund or the State
5 Capital and Infrastructure Fund and for Department of Information Technology facilities and
6 related infrastructure. Funds appropriated for repairs and renovations projects shall not be used
7 for new construction or the expansion of the building area (sq. ft.) of an existing facility unless
8 required in order to comply with federal or State codes or standards. Allowable projects include
9 any of the following:

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11 (c) In making campus allocations of funds allocated to the Board of Governors of The
12 University of North Carolina for the purposes described in subsection (a) of this section, the
13 Board of Governors shall negatively weight the availability of non-State resources and
14 carryforward funds available for repairs and renovations and shall include information about the
15 manner in which this subsection was complied with in any report submitted pursuant to this
16 section."

17 **SECTION 3.(b)** G.S. 143C-8-7 reads as rewritten:

18 "**§ 143C-8-7. When a State agency may begin a capital improvement project.**

19 (a) No State agency may expend funds for the construction or renovation of any capital
20 improvement project except as needed to comply with this Article or otherwise authorized by the
21 General Assembly. Funds that become available by gifts, excess patient receipts above those
22 budgeted at the University of North Carolina Hospitals at Chapel Hill, federal or private grants,
23 receipts becoming a part of special funds by act of the General Assembly, or any other funds
24 available to a State agency or institution may be utilized for advanced planning through the
25 working drawing phase of capital improvement projects, upon approval of the Director of the
26 Budget.

27 (b) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, the Department of
28 Agriculture and Consumer Services is authorized to utilize the types of funds described in
29 subsection (a) of this section to build equipment structures that meet the description contained in
30 G.S. 143-138(b4)(1)c. on an as-needed basis, provided that the total project cost does not exceed
31 one hundred twenty-five thousand dollars (\$125,000)."

32 **SECTION 3.(c)** Article 8 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes is amended by
33 adding a new section to read:

34 "**§ 143C-8-7.1. Procedures for disbursement of capital funds.**

35 (a) Appropriations made by an act of the General Assembly for capital improvements are
36 for constructing, repairing, or renovating State buildings, utilities, and other capital facilities; for
37 acquiring sites for them where necessary; for acquiring buildings and land for State government
38 purposes and other purposes as set forth in G.S. 143C-4-3.1; and shall be disbursed for the
39 purposes provided by that act. Expenditure of funds shall not be made by any State department,
40 institution, or agency until an allotment has been issued by the Governor as Director of the
41 Budget, which shall not be unreasonably withheld. The allotment shall be issued upon
42 compliance with the provisions of this Chapter. Prior to the award of construction contracts for
43 projects to be financed in whole or in part with self-liquidating appropriations, the Director of
44 the Budget shall approve the elements of the method of financing of those projects, including the
45 source of funds, interest rate, and liquidation period. Provided, however, that if the Director of
46 the Budget approves the method of financing a project, the Director shall report that action to the
47 Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations at its next meeting.

48 (b) Where direct capital improvement appropriations include the purpose of furnishing
49 fixed and movable equipment for any project, those funds for equipment shall not be subject to
50 transfer into construction accounts except as authorized by the Director of the Budget. The

1 expenditure of funds for fixed and movable equipment and furnishings shall be reviewed and
2 approved by the Director of the Budget prior to commitment of funds.

3 (c) Capital improvement projects authorized by an act of the General Assembly shall be
4 completed, including fixed and movable equipment and furnishings, within the limits of the
5 amounts of the direct or self-liquidating appropriations provided, except as otherwise provided
6 in that act. Capital improvement projects authorized by an act of the General Assembly for the
7 design phase only shall be designed within the scope of the project as defined by the approved
8 cost estimate filed with the Director of the Budget, including costs associated with site
9 preparation, demolition, and movable and fixed equipment. Amounts contracted for projects
10 authorized by the General Assembly cannot exceed the total project cost authorization.

11 (d) Disbursement of funds from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund for projects
12 authorized by an act of the General Assembly shall be made as needed to initiate or advance a
13 capital project. Funds authorized for any particular project shall remain in the State Capital and
14 Infrastructure Fund until such time as disbursement is necessary to satisfy a financial obligation
15 for that project."

16 **SECTION 3.(d)** G.S. 143C-8-12(a) reads as rewritten:

17 "(a) University Projects. – Notwithstanding any other provision of this Chapter, the Board
18 of Governors of The University of North Carolina may approve any of the following:

- 19 (1) Expenditures to plan a capital improvement project of The University of North
20 Carolina, the planning for which is to be funded entirely with non-General
21 Fund money.
- 22 (2) Expenditures for a capital improvement project of The University of North
23 Carolina that is to be funded and operated entirely with non-General Fund
24 money.
- 25 (3) A change in the scope of any previously approved capital improvement project
26 of The University of North Carolina provided that both the project and change
27 in scope are funded entirely with non-General Fund money.

28 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit expenditures for planning for a
29 project that has been authorized by an act of the General Assembly and funded with an allocation
30 from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund."

31 **SECTION 3.(e)** G.S. 143C-3-3(b) reads as rewritten:

32 "(b) University of North Carolina System Request. – Notwithstanding the requirement in
33 G.S. 116-11 that the Board of Governors prepare a unified budget request for all of the constituent
34 institutions of The University of North Carolina, budget requests of the University shall be
35 subject to all of the following:

- 36 (1) Repairs and renovations requests, capital fund requests, and information
37 technology requests shall comply with subsections (c), (d), and (e) of this
38 section.
- 39 (2) The University of North Carolina shall not make a capital funds request
40 proposing to construct a new facility, expand the building area (square feet)
41 of an existing facility, or rehabilitate an existing facility to accommodate new
42 or expanded uses unless the University has completed advanced planning
43 through schematic design of the project with funds other than General Fund
44 appropriations. For purposes of this subdivision, "funds other than General
45 Fund appropriations" includes funds carried forward from one fiscal year to
46 another pursuant to G.S. 116-30.3 and G.S. 116-30.3B.

47 Nothing in this subsection shall be construed to prohibit expenditures for planning for a
48 project that has been authorized by an act of the General Assembly and funded with an allocation
49 from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund."

50 **SECTION 3.(f)** G.S. 143C-4-3.1 reads as rewritten:

51 "**§ 143C-4-3.1. State Capital and Infrastructure Fund.**

1 ...
2 (b) Creation and Source of Funds. – There is established in the General Fund the State
3 Capital and Infrastructure Fund, hereinafter referred to as the "Fund." The Fund shall be
4 maintained as a special fund and administered by the Office of State Budget and Management to
5 carry out the provisions of this section. With the exception of debt service obligations,
6 appropriations from the Fund may be administered by other State agencies as deemed necessary
7 by the Office of State Budget and Management. Interest accruing from the monies in the Fund
8 shall be credited to the Fund. The Fund shall consist of the following sources of funding:

- 9 (1) One-fourth of any unreserved fund balance, as determined on a cash basis,
10 remaining in the General Fund at the end of each fiscal year.
- 11 (2) Four percent (4%) of the net State tax revenues that are deposited in the
12 General Fund during the fiscal year.
- 13 (3) All monies appropriated by the General Assembly for the purposes of General
14 Fund capital improvements, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1(d).
- 15 (4) All interest and investment earnings received on monies in the Fund.
- 16 (5) Any other funds, as directed by the General Assembly.

17 ...
18 (e) Use of Funds. – Monies in the Fund shall first be used to meet the debt service
19 obligations ~~of the State, supported by the General Fund.~~ In addition to meeting the ~~State's~~ debt
20 service obligations, obligations supported by the General Fund, monies in the Fund may be used
21 for the following purposes:

- 22 (1) New State and The University of North Carolina capital projects governed
23 pursuant to Article 8 of Chapter 143C of the General Statutes.
- 24 (2) Repair and renovation of existing capital assets, as provided in
25 G.S. 143C-8-13.
- 26 (3) Broadband infrastructure projects funded through appropriations to the
27 Growing Rural Economies with Access to Technology Fund established in
28 G.S. 143B-1373(b).
- 29 (4) Projects and grants identified in the Current Operations Appropriations Act or
30 that have been authorized and funded by an act of the General Assembly.

31 (f) Funds Available Only Upon Appropriation. – Funds reserved to the Fund shall be
32 available for expenditure only upon an act of appropriation by the General Assembly.

33 (g) Unexpended Funds. – Funds appropriated for a project that are unspent and
34 unencumbered upon completion of the project shall revert to the Fund.

35 (h) In each fiscal year, the Office of State Budget and Management may reallocate
36 appropriations from the State Capital and Infrastructure Fund between projects to meet cash flow
37 requirements for a project, provided that the following criteria are met:

- 38 (1) If the project for which funds have been appropriated is for one of the
39 constituent institutions of The University of North Carolina, then
40 unencumbered funds may be allocated from another project for a constituent
41 institution of The University of North Carolina for which funds have been
42 appropriated.
- 43 (2) If the project for which funds have been appropriated is for a State agency that
44 is not The University of North Carolina, then unencumbered funds may be
45 allocated from another project for a State agency for which funds have been
46 appropriated.
- 47 (3) The amount disbursed will not exceed amounts appropriated from the State
48 Capital and Infrastructure Fund.
- 49 (4) The amount disbursed on any project cannot exceed the amount authorized
50 for that project.
- 51 (5) The amount reallocated cannot be used to expand the scope of the project.

1 (6) A project shall not begin until the fiscal year authorized by the General
2 Assembly."

3 **SECTION 3.(g)** G.S. 143-341(3)b1. reads as rewritten:

4 "b1. To certify that a statement of needs pursuant to G.S. 143C-3-3, other
5 than for a project of The University of North Carolina for which
6 advance planning has not been completed, is feasible. For purposes of
7 this sub-subdivision, "feasible" means that the proposed project is
8 sufficiently defined in overall scope; building program; site
9 development; detailed design, construction, and equipment budgets;
10 and comprehensive project scheduling so as to reasonably ensure that
11 it may be completed with the amount of funds requested. At the
12 discretion of the General Assembly, advanced planning funds may be
13 appropriated in support of this certification. This sub-subdivision shall
14 not apply to requests for appropriations ~~of less than one hundred~~
15 ~~thousand dollars (\$100,000).~~below the formal project limit, as set by
16 the State Building Commission."

17 **SECTION 4.(a)** The provisions of the State Budget Act, Chapter 143C of the
18 General Statutes, are reenacted and shall remain in full force and effect and are incorporated in
19 this act by reference.

20 **SECTION 4.(b)** Departmental receipts, as defined in G.S. 143C-1-1, are
21 appropriated for the 2020-2021 fiscal year up to the amounts needed to implement the provisions
22 in this act for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

23 **SECTION 4.(c)** Except where expressly repealed or amended by this act, the
24 provisions of any other legislation enacted during the 2019 Regular Session of the General
25 Assembly expressly appropriating funds to an agency, a department, or an institution covered
26 under this act shall remain in effect.

27 **SECTION 5.** Sections 1 and 2 of this act become effective July 1, 2020. The
28 remainder of this act is effective when it becomes law.