

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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HOUSE BILL 1112*

Short Title: NC Arts Council Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baddour, Jeffus, Sherrill (Primary Sponsors); Adams, Alexander, Barefoot, Bonner, Bowie, Boyd-McIntyre, Coates, Cox, Cunningham, Easterling, Edwards, Goodwin, Haire, Hall, Hurley, Insko, Luebke, McLawhorn, Redwine, Rogers, Russell, Smith, Sutton, Tolson, Tucker, Underhill, Wainwright, Walend, Warren, Warwick, Weiss, Womble, Wright, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 11, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL
2 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL.

3 Whereas, North Carolina is known throughout the world for its pottery
4 traditions, literary legacy, Southern Appalachian music traditions, jazz, blues and gospel
5 heritage, and an abundance of artists and arts institutions; and

6 Whereas, North Carolina's arts community is strong and vibrant and it
7 contributes greatly to the rich quality of life and to the healthy economy that this State
8 enjoys; and

9 Whereas, the North Carolina Arts Council has worked to build a community
10 of artists and arts organizations so that all of our citizens and visitors to our State will
11 have the opportunity to enjoy the arts; and

12 Whereas, in 2003, the national average for per capita spending by state arts
13 councils will be \$1.50; and

14 Whereas, an additional \$6,000,000 appropriation added to the North Carolina
15 Arts Council's recurring appropriation would allow North Carolina to reach the national
16 average; and

17 Whereas, in each of the years during the 1999-2001 biennium, the North
18 Carolina Arts Council received a nonrecurring appropriation of \$2,000,000; and

19 Whereas, there is precedent in North Carolina's budgeting process for such an
20 appropriation to become part of the recurring budget in the third year; Now, therefore,
21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
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1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
2 Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Arts Council, the sum of two million
3 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of four million dollars
4 (\$4,000,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to support the programs of the North
5 Carolina Arts Council. These funds shall be in addition to appropriations already in the
6 base budget for the North Carolina Arts Council and shall become part of the North
7 Carolina Arts Council's continuation budget.

8 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.