

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2001**

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SENATE BILL 522*

Short Title: NC Arts Council Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Forrester, Foxx, Garrou, Garwood, Gulley, Harris, Hartsell, Horton, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Lee, Lucas, Metcalf, Miller, Moore, Purcell, Rand, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Soles, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

20 Whereas, there is precedent in North Carolina's budgeting process for such an
21 appropriation to become part of the recurring budget in the third year; Now, therefore,
22 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

23 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
24 Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Arts Council, the sum of two million

1 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of four million dollars
2 (\$4,000,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year to support the programs of the North
3 Carolina Arts Council. These funds shall be in addition to appropriations already in the
4 base budget for the North Carolina Arts Council and shall become part of the North
5 Carolina Arts Council's continuation budget.

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