

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 668\***

Short Title: Funds for Renovation of School Buildings. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Wray, Womble (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Faison, Parmon, and Wainwright.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 15, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A GRANT PROGRAM TO RENOVATE  
3 FORMER SCHOOL BUILDINGS FOR USE BY LOWER INCOME  
4 COMMUNITIES.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is established the School Renovation/Community Center  
7 Fund as a special, interest-bearing, and nonreverting fund in the Office of the Governor.  
8 The Fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and shall be credited with interest by  
9 the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. The Fund shall be  
10 eligible to receive State and federal funding.

11 The purpose of the School Renovation/Community Center Fund is to provide  
12 grant funds to renovate existing buildings that are in low-income areas and that were  
13 once used as schools or other community buildings but are now vacant or are used for  
14 storage. The renovated buildings may then be used by the local government as  
15 community and recreation centers. The Office of the Governor shall award grants from  
16 the Fund based on criteria adopted by the Governor and consistent with the provisions  
17 of this act.

18 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the School  
19 Renovation/Community Center Fund in the Office of the Governor the sum of one  
20 million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to administer the Fund  
21 pursuant to this act.

22 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.