

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1919

Short Title: Regional Historic Attraction Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives B. Ethridge, Fletcher, Michaux, S. Thompson, Miller, Perdue, Anderson, and Lilley.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS.

Whereas, North Carolina is blessed with numerous historical resources which enrich the lives of its citizens and attract the interest of tourists; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has augmented the development of many historic attractions in the State; and

Whereas, many local communities operate various regional historic attractions largely through resources raised within those communities; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Historical Commission has recommended slowing the acquisition of State Historic Sites and instead providing greater technical, professional, and financial assistance to regional historic attractions; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Historical Commission has adopted procedures and methods for the proper and equitable distribution of grants funds to regional historic attractions throughout the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of \$250,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of \$250,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year grants of up to twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) to nonprofit historic attractions in North Carolina for use for operating expenses and other purposes, all as approved by the North Carolina Historical Commission, provided that any grant recipient agrees to match the State grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and provided that ten percent (10%) of the grant and its match be

1 placed in a restricted trust for the long-term operation and preservation of the historic
2 attraction, and provided that the expenditure and accounting of these grant funds by the
3 historic attraction adhere to reasonable rules and regulations established by the North
4 Carolina Historical Commission.

5 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Cultural Resources the sum of \$37,500 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of
7 \$37,500 for the 1990-91 fiscal year to provide additional technical and consultative
8 services to historic attractions receiving State grants and to administer the regional
9 historic attractions grants program.

10 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.