

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 823*

Short Title: Arts Council Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Block, Kaplan; and Smith.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 10, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS
COUNCIL TO IMPROVE STATE PROGRAMS IN THE ARTS.

Whereas, it is the mission of the North Carolina Arts Council, a Division of the Department of Cultural Resources, to enrich the cultural life of the State by nurturing and supporting excellence in the arts and by providing opportunities for every North Carolinian to experience the arts; and

Whereas, the Council pursues this two-fold mission by assisting those organizations and artists who produce the arts and those organizations which deliver the arts to all 100 counties; and

Whereas, the Council awarded grants to 720 organizations in 1987-88 and each grant dollar invested by the State was matched by nine local dollars; and

Whereas, the nonprofit arts community annually contributes three hundred million dollars (\$300,000,000) to the State's economy; and

Whereas, the arts continue to make a significant impact on the quality of life in North Carolina's communities and contribute greatly to the education and development of the children of the State; and

Whereas, one dollar (\$1.00) per citizen is needed to meet the increasing demand for arts programs across the State and North Carolina's population will be 6.7 million by the end of the next biennium; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources, North Carolina Arts Council, the sum of one million seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) for the 1989-90 fiscal year and the sum of one million

1 seven hundred thousand dollars (\$1,700,000) for the 1990-91 fiscal year for Arts
2 Development and Production including programs for the statewide arts resources,
3 professional theaters, outdoor dramas, dance and opera companies, symphony
4 orchestras, regional galleries and museums, crafts guilds, literary presses and
5 magazines, folk arts activities and individual professional artists, for Arts Access and
6 Delivery including the Grassroots Arts Program (governed by G.S. 143B-121 to G.S.
7 143B-125), other programs for local arts councils, artists residencies in the public
8 schools and touring programs in both the performing and visual arts and for Program
9 Development including technical assistance for local organizations and other
10 development and outreach activities. These funds shall be in addition to funds
11 appropriated to the Department of Cultural Resources for the North Carolina Arts
12 Council by the Current Operations Appropriations Act.

13 Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.