

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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HOUSE BILL 1223

Short Title: Somerset Place Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Rogers.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 3, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED Bill

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF  
2 HISTORICAL BUILDINGS, TO PROVIDE STAFF, AND TO COMPLY WITH  
3 THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT AT  
4 SOMERSET PLACE STATE HISTORIC SITE.

5       Whereas, Somerset Place was designated a State Historic Site in 1967 by the  
6 Division of Archives and History for the purpose of preserving and interpreting the  
7 history of one of the State's largest and most profitable antebellum plantations,  
8 including the history, culture, and heritage of the more than 350 Americans of African  
9 descent who undergirded its prosperity; and

10       Whereas, today, nothing remains of the buildings where Somerset's African  
11 American community lived and worked; nothing remains to accurately tell their story  
12 and validate their lives; and

13       Whereas, the General Assembly of the State of North Carolina believes all of  
14 our citizens, current and future, deserve full, accurate, and culturally affirming inclusion  
15 in all presentations of this State's history and access to that history regardless of their  
16 physical limitations; Now, therefore,  
17 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

18       Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
19 Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of nine hundred seventy-  
20 three thousand dollars (\$973,000) for fiscal year 1993-94 for research, design, and  
21 reconstruction of the slave hospital, chapel, kitchen, and other improvements at  
22 Somerset Place State Historic Site, and to bring the buildings and other site facilities  
23 into compliance with the requirements of The Americans With Disabilities Act of 1990.

1           Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
2 Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, the sum of seventy thousand five  
3 hundred forty-five dollars (\$70,545) for the 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of seventy  
4 thousand five hundred forty-five dollars (\$70,545) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for the  
5 establishment of four positions: one Grade 66 program specialist; one Grade 56  
6 grounds worker; one Grade 68 restoration/construction specialist; and one Grade 67  
7 Archaeologist I, for planning, implementing, and maintaining all site improvements.

8           Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1993.