

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1431

Short Title: Shakespeare Fest./Discovery Ctr Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jarrell; and Jeffus.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 17, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA
2 SHAKESPEARE FESTIVAL AND THE FURNITURE DISCOVERY CENTER IN
3 HIGH POINT.
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5 Whereas, the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival was designated by the
6 General Assembly in 1978 as the "State Shakespeare Festival"; and

7 Whereas, the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival has received State support
8 through the years through the Department of Cultural Resources; and

9 Whereas, this continuing support indicates statewide recognition of the
10 importance in maintaining the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival as a first-rank
11 professional theatre; and

12 Whereas, continuing funding of the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival has
13 enabled the Festival to serve more communities on a regular basis, thus attracting larger
14 numbers of tourists to the State and economically benefitting both local governments
15 and the State; and

16 Whereas, the stability provided by continuing funding has increased corporate
17 support for the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival; and

18 Whereas, the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival is a unique cultural
19 resource enjoyed by citizens throughout the State; and

20 Whereas, The Furniture Discovery Center is also a unique facility that
21 provides educational opportunities for a variety of audiences, both statewide and
22 nationwide; and

1 Whereas, The Furniture Discovery Center is a nonprofit organization
2 educational facility, often described as a "living textbook", that shows through the
3 interaction of exhibits, graphics, and photo murals how furniture is made; and

4 Whereas, The Furniture Discovery Center also permanently houses the
5 prestigious American Furniture Hall of Fame and Serta's collection of miniature
6 bedrooms as well as the history of the furniture market; and

7 Whereas, The Furniture Discovery Center serves to educate the public,
8 private business, students, and educators in a very creative, hands-on environment;

9 Now, therefore,

10 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

11 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
12 Cultural Resources the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 1993-94
13 fiscal year and seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for
14 the North Carolina Shakespeare Festival. These funds shall become a part of future
15 continuation budgets.

16 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Furniture
17 Discovery Center, Inc., the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1993-94
18 fiscal year and the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to
19 assist in retiring the capital costs of the Center and to help develop an educational
20 program with needed staff and resources for the Center.

21 Sec. 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.