

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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SENATE BILL 1186

Short Title: State Capitol Education Program Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Seymour.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 19, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE CLASSROOM MATERIALS  
2 ON STATE CAPITOL HISTORY AND EDUCATIONAL STAFF TO SERVE  
3 SCHOOL CLASSES TOURING THE CAPITOL AND STATE GOVERNMENT  
4 COMPLEX.  
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6 Whereas, G.S. 121-9(h) Directs the Department of Cultural Resources to care  
7 for and administer the State Capitol's first floor public areas and all of its upper floors  
8 for the edification of present and future generations; and

9 Whereas, G.S. 121-9(h) directs that the 1840 legislative chambers and other  
10 areas in the Capitol be preserved as historic shrines; and

11 Whereas, visitation to the Capitol averages 130,000 per year, mostly in the  
12 form of school classes on educational tours; and

13 Whereas, prescheduling services, written itineraries, previsit classroom  
14 materials, and trained tour guides are needed for each school group visiting the Capitol  
15 and the State Government Complex; and

16 Whereas, group tours of the Capitol have increased from 987 in 1979 to 1,826  
17 in 1992 with no increases in the State Capitol's budget; and

18 Whereas, additional operational funds are needed in order to serve the  
19 increased number of school group tours properly; Now, therefore,

20 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

21 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
22 Cultural Resources the sum of sixty-nine thousand one hundred forty-four dollars  
23 (\$69,144) for 1993-94 fiscal year and the sum of sixty-nine thousand four hundred  
24 fifty-one dollars (\$69,451) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to provide educational materials

1 on the history of the State Capitol, General Assembly, and State Government and two  
2 educational staff members to serve school classes touring the Capitol and the State  
3 Government Complex.

4           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.