

NORTH CAROLINA GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
1977 SESSION

CHAPTER 1051  
HOUSE BILL 503

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL  
RESOURCES FOR THE NEW BERN ACADEMY HISTORICAL COMMISSION TO  
PLAN AND RESTORE THE NEW BERN ACADEMY, NEW BERN.

Whereas, the cultural heritage of the New Bern area of North Carolina has made an immeasurable contribution to all the citizens of the State; and

Whereas, New Bern has played an important role in the history of North Carolina from the earliest days of settlement; and

Whereas, there is a need to give special public recognition to the city's early inhabitants; and

Whereas, it is desirable to preserve and perpetuate the history and cultural heritage of New Bern; and

Whereas, New Bern Academy was authorized by the Assembly of 1764 and construction completed by 1766; the original structure burned in 1795, and the present building was constructed ca 1806; and

Whereas, the New Bern Academy Historical Commission has obtained a lease from the Board of Education of the New Bern City Schools for the premises known as the New Bern Academy and such other surrounding property as deemed appropriate at 311-313 New Street, New Bern, Craven County, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the 1975 General Assembly passed a bill creating the New Bern Academy Historical Commission to acquire and dispose of title to and interests in the historic property and to repair, restore, and otherwise improve and maintain such property; and

Whereas, an appropriation is needed to carry out the work to be done on the New Bern Academy during the next fiscal year; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**Section 1.** There is hereby appropriated from the General Fund to the Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources, for the 1977-78 fiscal year the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$18,900), seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) of which will be available to the New Bern Academy Historical Commission for the purpose of restoration, to include a phased program of (1) research, (2) planning, and (3) rehabilitation of the New Bern Academy, the remainder of which will be used by the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, to provide technical services to the recipient/for the project, provided an amount of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) is raised by the New Bern Academy Historical Commission; and for 1978-79 fiscal year the sum of eighteen thousand nine hundred dollars (\$18,900), seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) of which will be available to the New Bern Academy Historical Commission for the purpose of execution of the restoration of the New Bern Academy, the remainder of which will be used by the Department of Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History, to provide technical services to the recipient/for the project, provided an amount of seventeen thousand five hundred dollars (\$17,500) is raised by the New Bern

Academy Historical Commission. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended only in accordance with G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

**Sec. 2.** This act shall become effective on July 1, 1977.

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified, this the 1st day of July, 1977.