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HOUSE BILL 1156*

Short Title: Regional Historic Attraction Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Ethridge and Smith.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 3, 1991

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO REGIONAL
HISTORIC ATTRACTIONS.**

Whereas, North Carolina is blessed with numerous historical resources which enrich the lives of its citizens and attract the interest of tourists; and

Whereas, the General Assembly has augmented the development of many historic attractions in the State; and

Whereas, many local communities operate various regional historic attractions largely through resources raised within those communities; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Historical Commission has recommended slowing the acquisition of State Historic Sites and instead providing greater technical, professional, and financial assistance to regional historic attractions; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Historical Commission has adopted procedures and methods for the proper and equitable distribution of grants funds to regional historic attractions throughout the State; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of \$100,000 for the 1991-92 fiscal year to be used for grants of up to \$10,000 each to nonprofit historic attractions in North Carolina for operating expenses and other purposes, all as approved by the North Carolina Historical Commission, provided that any grant recipient agrees to match the State grant on a dollar-for-dollar basis, and provided that the expenditure and accounting of these grant funds by the historic attraction adhere to reasonable rules established by the North Carolina Historical Commission.

1 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1991.