GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1536*

Short Title: Performing Arts Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Soles.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA ACADEMY OF PERFORMING ARTS.

Whereas, the film industry in North Carolina brought over a half billion dollars to North Carolina's economy last year alone; and

Whereas, North Carolina was ranked the number two state in the nation by the Association of Film Commissioners International; and

Whereas, Wilmington was the focus of film production in the State last year, hosting 18 feature films, 24 television episodes, and 19 other projects totalling approximately $391,000,000; and

Whereas, the film industry is economically viable in the Wilmington area, but the missing link to greater production in the area is education and the training of actors, directors, and producers who originate these types of projects in North Carolina; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Dennis Hopper Academy of Performing Arts, Inc., the sum of two million five hundred thousand dollars ($2,500,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year for capital improvements to the North Carolina Academy of Performing Arts to be allocated as follows:

(1) $2,000,000 to upgrade the facility's theater space and rehearsal halls; and

(2) $500,000 for start-up costs.

Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.