

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 596\*

Short Title: Library Construction Grant Funds.

(Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Walker; and Smith.

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Referred to: Capital Expenditures.

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March 29, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL  
2 RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO PUBLIC LIBRARIES FOR  
3 CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATIONS.  
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5 Whereas, North Carolina's public libraries provide valuable services to all the  
6 people of the State; and

7 Whereas, it is the intent of the General Assembly to provide revenue to be  
8 used to make grants to public libraries for much needed construction and renovations;  
9 and

10 Whereas, these grants will have a positive impact in providing quality public  
11 library services; Now, therefore,

12 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

13 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
14 Cultural Resources the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1993-94 fiscal  
15 year and the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 1994-95 fiscal year to  
16 provide grants to public libraries for construction and renovation needs.

17 Sec. 2. The Secretary of the Department of Cultural Resources shall  
18 administer the grant program, develop the criteria for making a grant, provide technical  
19 assistance to grant applicants and recipients, select grant recipients, and evaluate the use  
20 of the funds by each grant recipient. The Secretary of the Department of Cultural  
21 Resources may adopt rules to implement this act.

22 Sec. 3. A grant shall be available only to a public library that is a member of  
23 a library system that qualifies for the Aid to Public Libraries Fund established in G.S.  
24 125-7. A maximum of one grant per public library system per year of the biennium

1 may be awarded. No grant shall exceed one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000).  
2 Each grant shall be contingent on a local dollar-for-dollar match. The market value of  
3 the land used for library construction may be used to satisfy the matching fund  
4 requirement.

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