

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

SESSION 1999

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HOUSE BILL 527*

Short Title: NC Arts Council Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Baddour and Jeffus (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Barefoot, Blue, Bowie, Boyd-McIntyre, Bridgeman, Brown, Buchanan, Cansler, Church, Cunningham, Davis, Easterling, Esposito, Fox, Gray, Hackney, Haire, Hensley, Horn, Hunter, Hurley, Insko, Jarrell, Justus, Luebke, McCrary, McLawhorn, McMahan, Melton, Miller, Miner, Morris, Mosley, Nye, Owens, Redwine, Rogers, Russell, Sherrill, Smith, Starnes, Thomas, Thompson, Tolson, Tucker, Wainwright, Walend, Warner, Warren, Womble, and Wright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 22, 1999

- 1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL
3 RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE NORTH CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL.
Whereas, North Carolina is known throughout the world for its pottery traditions, literary legacy, Southern Appalachian music traditions, jazz, blues, and gospel heritage, and an abundance of artists and arts institutions; and
Whereas, at the approach of the 21st century, North Carolina's arts community is strong and vibrant and it contributes greatly to the rich quality of life and to the healthy economy that this State enjoys; and
Whereas, for 32 years, the North Carolina Arts Council has worked to build a community of artists and arts organizations so that all of our citizens and visitors to our State will have the opportunity to enjoy the arts; Now, therefore,
4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Cultural Resources, Division of the Arts Council, the sum of five million dollars
3 (\$5,000,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year and the sum of five million dollars
4 (\$5,000,000) for the 2000-2001 fiscal year to support the programs of the North Carolina
5 Arts Council. These funds shall be allocated as follows:

6	(1) Primary Arts Organizations	\$1,500,000
7	(2) Arts in Communities	1,500,000
8	(3) Rural Arts Leadership	500,000
9	(4) Cultural Tourism	900,000
10	(5) Arts Information and Research	400,000
11	(6) Basic Operating Support	<u>200,000</u>
12	TOTAL	\$5,000,000

13 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.