

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH60561-LG-428* (04/03)

Short Title: Fort Dobbs Reconstruction Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Howard and Ray (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REBUILD THE FORT AT THE FORT
DOBBS STATE HISTORIC SITE.

Whereas, the year 2006 marks the 250th anniversary of the construction of
Fort Dobbs; and

Whereas, Fort Dobbs was built in 1756 and served as a refuge for colonists
and an outpost for the military during the French and Indian War; and

Whereas, as the War came to an end and settlers moved westward, the fort
was dismantled; and

Whereas, in 1976, the area where the fort had been located became a State
Historic Site; and

Whereas, plans have been made to rebuild the fort to enhance the historic site;
and

Whereas, studies indicate that the reconstructed fort and the historic site will
attract 100,000 visitors a year and will have an economic impact on Iredell County of
\$25,000,000; and

Whereas, the 300-member Fort Dobbs Alliance has received tremendous
support to rebuild the fort from the private and public sector as well as local and State
leaders; and

Whereas, Fort Dobbs is an excellent resource for heritage tourism providing
visitors with the opportunity to learn about the frontier life of Europeans, Native
Americans, and African-Americans; and

Whereas, Fort Dobbs is an important Iredell County landmark and holds the
distinction of being the only French and Indian War site in North Carolina; Now,
therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Fort Dobbs
2 Alliance, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars
3 (\$100,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for architecture and design costs in
4 reconstructing the fort at the Fort Dobbs State Historic Site.

5 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.