

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2005**

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**SENATE BILL 298\***

Short Title: Single Sisters House Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Garrou; and Horton.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 2, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO RESTORE THE HISTORIC SINGLE  
2 SISTERS HOUSE ON THE CAMPUS OF SALEM ACADEMY AND COLLEGE.  
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4 Whereas, Salem College, founded in 1772, has continuously educated  
5 women, including students of African and American Indian descent, longer than any  
6 other institution in the nation; and

7 Whereas, in 1785, the Single Sisters House was built to house single women,  
8 including teachers and students, at Salem Academy and College; and

9 Whereas, the Single Sisters House is the nation's oldest building continuously  
10 dedicated to the education of women and is North Carolina's oldest college building;  
11 and

12 Whereas, Salem Academy and College and the Single Sisters House remain  
13 integral to the culture and heritage preserved within historic Old Salem; and

14 Whereas, the Single Sisters House served as a Salem College dormitory until  
15 1992, when deteriorating conditions made it unsuitable for that purpose; and

16 Whereas, Salem Academy and College has made plans to restore and  
17 preserve the Single Sisters House; and

18 Whereas, the restored Single Sisters House will include museum space,  
19 special event rooms, and community meeting areas, all of which will be open to the  
20 public; and

21 Whereas, Salem Academy and College has received funding from the  
22 National Park Service's "Save America's Treasures" fund, but additional funding is  
23 needed to restore the Single Sisters House and preserve its history for the people of  
24 North Carolina; Now, therefore,

25 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

26 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Salem  
27 Academy and College the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2005-2006  
28 fiscal year to help restore and preserve the historic Single Sisters House for Salem  
29 Academy and College and the public.

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**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.