

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 131

Short Title: Stevens Center Funds/UNC School of the Arts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Lambeth, A. Baker, Zenger, and Zachary (Primary Sponsors).
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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

February 24, 2021

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF THE
3 STEVENS CENTER OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
4 CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Board of
7 Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of forty-two million two hundred
8 thousand dollars (\$42,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be
9 allocated to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts (UNC School of the Arts) for
10 the planning, repair, and renovations of the Stevens Center owned and operated by the UNC
11 School of the Arts. The funds shall be used to make significant upgrades to plumbing,
12 mechanical, electrical, and life safety systems, as well as upgrades to theater sound, lighting, and
13 stage equipment, for the existing 77,500 square foot building housing the Stevens Center. The
14 repairs and renovations of the Stevens Center shall support the largest and most important
15 teaching and training facility for the UNC School of the Arts, which is critical to the academic
16 mission of the school. The goals of the renovation shall be to (i) preserve and enhance
17 opportunities to use the Stevens Center as a classroom, (ii) improve the experience of patrons of
18 the Stevens Center, (iii) renovate the stage house to allow for a higher rate of venue turnover,
19 and (iv) improve the back of the house and rehearsal space to enhance the stage and house
20 experience.

21 **SECTION 2.** The funds allocated to the UNC School of the Arts pursuant to Section
22 1 of this act shall not revert to the General Fund at the end of the 2021-2022 fiscal year but shall
23 remain available until June 30, 2025, for the purposes set forth in this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

