

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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SENATE BILL 991

Short Title: Minority Artists Funds.

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Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 24, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ESTABLISH A MINORITY, MULTI-DISCIPLINARY ARTS OUTREACH PROGRAM.

Whereas, there is a need to identify minority artists in North Carolina; and

Whereas, art councils in the State need assistance in serving minority populations and in expanding the visibility of and appreciation for arts produced by minority artists; and

Whereas, communication between minority artists, the education community, and the traditional arts community needs to be enhanced; and

Whereas, there is a need to develop, publish, and disseminate a comprehensive arts directory of minority artists; and

Whereas, there is also a need to conduct, in conjunction with other institutions of higher education and the North Carolina Arts Council, workshops and seminars for minority artists providing technical assistance and advice regarding strengthening their skills and becoming a more viable part of the arts community; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources \$35,000 for the 1989-90 fiscal year and \$35,000 for the 1990-91 fiscal year to implement a minority, multi-disciplinary arts outreach program. The Department of Cultural Resources may contract with the Office of Continuing Education of North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University or other appropriate agencies in carrying out the purpose of this act.

Sec. 2. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.