GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 386

Short Title: NC Symphony Funds. Sponsors: Senators Rand; Garrou, Hagan, Miller, Perdue, and Reeves.	(Public)

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR IMPROVED ACOUSTICS IN CONSTRUCTING THE NEW SYMPHONY HALL FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY.

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony was founded in 1932 to serve the citizens of North Carolina; and

Whereas, in 1943 the North Carolina Symphony became the first state orchestra in the United States to receive state funding on an ongoing basis and continues to receive funding; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony performs approximately 175 full-orchestra concerts each year, along with 60-65 full-orchestra music education concerts each year throughout the State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony performs for approximately 320,000 citizens of the State each year; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony has made significant efforts in the past 10 years to increase private funding, going from 30% funding to its current level of 68% private funding; and

Whereas, the City of Raleigh and Wake County have entered into a partnership with the North Carolina Symphony to build a new dedicated performance facility as part of the BTI Performance Complex formerly referred to as Memorial Auditorium; and

Whereas, the City, County, and North Carolina Symphony Foundation have committed \$25 million; and

Whereas, the State of North Carolina has committed \$1.5 million; and

Whereas, an additional \$1.5 million is required to insure the proper acoustics are incorporated into the building during the construction; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) for the 1999-2000 fiscal year for improved acoustics in constructing the new Symphony Hall for the North Carolina Symphony.

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