GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 996*

Short Title: Arts Center Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors: Senators Allran; Forrester, Hoyle, Harris, Walker, Soles, Lee, Hartsell, Ward, and Tally.	Smith, Kincaid,
Referred to: Capital Expenditures and Improvements.	

April 29, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ARTS AND SCIENCE CENTER
OF CATAWBA VALLEY.

Whereas, the Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley is located in the fourth largest metropolitan statistical area in the State; and

Whereas, in 1984 the people of Catawba County raised almost \$3,000,000 in private and public funding to renovate an old high school into this Center; and

Whereas, only \$40,000 was requested and received from the North Carolina General Assembly for this renovation campaign, representing the only State money received to date for the Center; and

Whereas, the Arts and Science Center of Catawba Valley is free and open to the public and houses the Hickory Museum of Art, the Catawba Science Center, the offices and rehearsal spaces for the Western Piedmont Symphony, the Hickory Choral Society, and the offices of the Catawba County Council for the Arts; and

Whereas, on an annual basis over 100,000 people go through this facility for educational, cultural, and social purposes; and

Whereas, the outreach programs conducted by the tenants of this Center encompass a regional scope of nine counties with both educational and cultural programs; and

Whereas, funds are needed to enhance the physical facilities of the Center to provide better use of the space available; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Arts Center of
Catawba Valley, Inc., the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the
1993-94 fiscal year as matching funds for capital improvements to this regional facility.
Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.