GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE DRS55134-LG-68 (2/17)

Short Title:	NC Symphony Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senator Dorsett.	
Referred to:		

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA SYMPHONY.

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony currently reaches 50,000 school-age children with its music education and outreach mission in 45 counties, and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony has suffered losses due to the current economic downturn resulting in significant decreases in earned and contributed income; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony has not received an increase in its continuation funding from the State of North Carolina for the past 14 years; and

Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony is working to make significant budget cuts and increase private funding; and

Whereas, additional funding from the State of North Carolina, along with the above financial changes, will enable the North Carolina Symphony to achieve fiscal stability within three to five years; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1.(a). There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year and the sum of one million dollars ($1,000,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in recurring funds to increase the funding for the North Carolina Symphony.

SECTION 1.(b). There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to increase funding for the North Carolina Symphony for educational programming.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.