

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2009**

H

1

HOUSE BILL 1550

Short Title: NC Symphony Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Underhill, Fisher, Bordsen, Wainwright (Primary Sponsors); Adams, K. Alexander, M. Alexander, Allen, Bell, Blue, Braxton, Brisson, Brubaker, Bryant, Carney, Coates, Cole, Cotham, Daughtry, Dickson, Dockham, Dollar, Earle, England, Farmer-Butterfield, Gibson, Glazier, Goforth, Haire, Hall, Harrell, Hill, Holliman, Howard, Hughes, Insko, Jeffus, Johnson, Jones, Justus, Langdon, Love, Lucas, Luebke, Mackey, Martin, McComas, McLawhorn, Mobley, Parmon, Pierce, Rapp, Spear, Starnes, Sutton, Tarleton, Tolson, Tucker, E. Warren, R. Warren, West, Whilden, Wiley, Wilkins, Womble, Wray, and Yongue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 27, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO INCREASE FUNDING FOR THE NORTH
3 CAROLINA SYMPHONY TOWARD THE COST OF MUSIC EDUCATION
4 PROGRAMS AND MUSICIANS' SALARIES AND BENEFITS.

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

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

9 Whereas, the North Carolina Symphony has not received an increase in its
10 continuation funding from the State of North Carolina for the past 15 years; and

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

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

16 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

17 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
18 Cultural Resources the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year
19 and the sum of three million dollars (\$3,000,000) for the 2010-2011 fiscal year in recurring
20 funds to increase the funding for the North Carolina Symphony, provided these funds are
21 matched for both fiscal years of the biennium on the basis of one dollar (\$1.00) of non-State
22 funds for every one dollar (\$1.00) of State funds.

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

