

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2003**

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SENATE DRS85319-LT-145 (5/13)

Short Title: Funds for Old Salem, Inc. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Garrou.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO COMPLETE RENOVATIONS AT OLD
2 SALEM.
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4 Whereas, the State of North Carolina has a rich and diverse religious and
5 cultural heritage which is exemplified by Old Salem; and

6 Whereas, the Moravians who founded Salem in 1766, carried with them a
7 religious heritage as ancient as any in the Protestant tradition, as well as a knowledge of
8 agriculture, architecture, skilled crafts, and industry; and

9 Whereas, the history of the African-American community at Old Salem can
10 be traced to St. Philips Church, which was built during the 1860's and served as the
11 location where the Emancipation Proclamation was read to African-Americans by an
12 officer of the Union Army; and

13 Whereas, more than 55,000 North Carolina school students and 400,000 other
14 visitors from North Carolina and other states visit Old Salem each year; and

15 Whereas, the trustees of Old Salem, Incorporated, have recently undertaken
16 extensive renovations and improvements at Old Salem such as the restoration and
17 development of the St. Philips Church and the construction of the North Carolina
18 Heritage Education Center; and

19 Whereas, the further development of Old Salem as a vehicle through which to
20 interpret North Carolina's religious and cultural heritage to its people will help instill in
21 its people the values which have been the source of its success and will have the
22 additional benefit of drawing additional travel and tourist revenues and jobs to our
23 State; and

24 Whereas, though Old Salem, Incorporated, raised over \$26,000,000 in a
25 capital campaign fund-raising effort for renovations at Old Salem and for construction
26 of the visitor center, Old Salem, Incorporated, is in need of \$1,000,000 to complete the

1 visitor center and to remove the Stratford Metals Building at Old Salem; Now,
2 therefore,

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Old Salem,
5 Incorporated, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for
6 the 2004-2005 fiscal year.

7 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2004.