

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE BILL 823

Short Title: Restore John H. Race Admin. Bldg./Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Jeffus, Harrison, Howard (Primary Sponsors); and Wainwright.

Referred to: Appropriations.

March 21, 2005

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR THE RESTORATION OF THE JOHN H.
2 RACE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING.
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4 Whereas, the John H. Race Administration Building was erected on the
5 campus of Bennett College in 1925 to serve as a science classroom building and is now
6 used as an administration building; and

7 Whereas, the John H. Race Administrative Building is an example of the
8 Georgian Revival style of architecture, with three floors and a hipped slate roof; and

9 Whereas, the John H. Race Administration Building was placed on the
10 National Register of Historic Places in April 1992; and

11 Whereas, the John H. Race Administration Building is in need of structural,
12 electrical, and mechanical repairs, including handicap accessibility and safety and
13 building code repairs; and

14 Whereas, a comprehensive assessment of the building's existing conditions
15 has been completed; and

16 Whereas, preliminary reviews have been conducted by the North Carolina
17 State Historic Preservation Office and the National Park Service, and the scope of work
18 for the renovation project has been defined and construction documents have been
19 developed; and

20 Whereas, the projected cost of the restoration of the John H. Race
21 Administration Building is one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and Bennett College has
22 received a grant from the National Park Service to fund half of the amount; and

23 Whereas, historic buildings of architectural significance are part of the State's
24 cultural and historical heritage and should be preserved for the benefit of our citizens;
25 and

26 Whereas, the Bennett College campus, which is open to the public, has
27 historical significance and distinctive architectural features that may be enjoyed by all
28 North Carolinians; and

1 Whereas, the appropriation of State funds to match the federal funds already
2 granted will allow for the completion of the John H. Race Administration Building
3 restoration project; and

4 Whereas, an appropriation of State funds for the Campus Master Plan will
5 provide additional funds needed for the historic Bennett College campus; Now,
6 therefore,

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Bennett
9 College the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal
10 year to match the federal grant received by Bennett College from the United States
11 Department of the Interior, National Park Service, for the restoration of the John H.
12 Race Administration Building, a building on the National Register of Historic Places.

13 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Bennett
14 College the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2005-2006 fiscal
15 year to provide capital funds for its Campus Master Plan.

16 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2005.