

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 1231*

Short Title: Fort Dobbs Reconstruction Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester, Hartsell and Allran.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 10, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REBUILD THE FORT AT THE FORT
3 DOBBS STATE HISTORIC SITE.

4 Whereas, the year 2006 marks the 250th anniversary of the construction of
5 Fort Dobbs; and

6 Whereas, Fort Dobbs was built in 1756 and served as a refuge for colonists
7 and an outpost for the military during the French and Indian War; and

8 Whereas, as the War came to an end and settlers moved westward, the fort
9 was dismantled; and

10 Whereas, in 1976, the area where the fort had been located became a State
11 Historic Site; and

12 Whereas, plans have been made to rebuild the fort to enhance the historic site;
13 and

14 Whereas, studies indicate that the reconstructed fort and the historic site will
15 attract 100,000 visitors a year and will have an economic impact on Iredell County of
16 \$25,000,000; and

17 Whereas, the 300-member Fort Dobbs Alliance has received tremendous
18 support to rebuild the fort from the private and public sector as well as local and State
19 leaders; and

20 Whereas, Fort Dobbs is an excellent resource for heritage tourism providing
21 visitors with the opportunity to learn about the frontier life of Europeans, Native
22 Americans, and African-Americans; and

23 Whereas, Fort Dobbs is an important Iredell County landmark and holds the
24 distinction of being the only French and Indian War site in North Carolina; Now,
25 therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

27 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to Fort Dobbs
28 Alliance, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars

- 1 (\$100,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year for architecture and design costs in
2 reconstructing the fort at the Fort Dobbs State Historic Site.
3 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.