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SENATE BILL 1858*

Short Title: Dix Study Commission/Funds for Appraisal. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Malone; Dannelly, Dorsett, Holloman, Kinnaird, and Lucas.

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate.

May 25, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR AN APPRAISAL, EXPERT
2 TESTIMONY, AND ANALYSES OF THE DIX HOSPITAL CAMPUS
3 PROPERTY, AND TO COMPLETE THE WORK OF THE DIX PROPERTY
4 STUDY COMMISSION AS RECOMMENDED BY THE DOROTHEA DIX
5 HOSPITAL PROPERTY STUDY COMMISSION.
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7 Whereas, the Dorothea Dix Hospital Property Study Commission and its
8 Oversight Committee have met often during the 2004 and 2005 interims; and

9 Whereas, the Commission has received the Dorothea Dix Master Plan
10 prepared by LandDesign; and

11 Whereas, the Master Plan is extensive and contains multiple options for the
12 use of the Dix Campus property; and

13 Whereas, the Commission has also received public input as to other proposed
14 uses of the Dix Campus property, including proposals to conserve existing buildings
15 and the development of an urban park; and

16 Whereas, the Commission lacks certain information that is pertinent to its
17 being able to issue a final report, to wit, an appraisal of the Dix Campus and information
18 regarding the conservation of historic buildings, and the successful development and
19 financing of a modern urban park; and

20 Whereas, the Commission believes that with that information it will be able
21 to finish its deliberations and report its final findings and recommendations to the 2007
22 Regular Session of the 2007 General Assembly; Now therefore,
23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the General
25 Assembly, Legislative Services Commission, the sum of thirty thousand dollars
26 (\$30,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be allocated to the Dorothea Dix Hospital
27 Property Commission (Commission) to be used to:

- 28 a. Enter into a contract for obtaining an appraisal of the fair
29 market value of the area known as the Dorothea Dix Hospital

- 1 Campus taking into account information regarding the current
2 and future public use of the buildings and land, conservation of
3 historic buildings, and the development and financing of a
4 modern urban park;
5 b. Reimburse the costs of an analysis of the potential for
6 rehabilitation and use of historic buildings; and
7 c. Reimburse the costs of obtaining experts to testify on land use
8 and financing issues.

9 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.