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Short Title:	Funds/	New Bern's 300th Anniversary.	(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Preston.

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AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO SUPPORT THE TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION OF THE CITY OF NEW BERN.

Whereas, the City of New Bern is the second-oldest city in North Carolina; and

Whereas, in many ways, the $300^{\rm th}$ anniversary of New Bern is the $300^{\rm th}$ anniversary of the Colony and State of North Carolina; and

Whereas, city, county, and private sources are estimated to contribute over 70% of the \$2.15 million in anniversary celebration funds; and

Whereas, it is imperative that the State ensure the continuing success of New Bern and its importance to North Carolina and the nation; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the New Bern 300th Anniversary Committee, a nonprofit organization, the sum of three hundred thousand dollars (\$300,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year to cover costs associated with planning, promoting, and implementing a yearlong program of events in New Bern, a statewide outreach program to North Carolina public schools, publications, and a series of travel programs to cities across North Carolina to engage North Carolinians in our State's history.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2008.