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HOUSE BILL DRH10264-MKa-128

Short Title: Stevens Center Funds/UNC School of the Arts. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Conrad, Lambeth, Montgomery, and Terry (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF THE  
3 STEVENS CENTER OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
4 CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

5 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

6 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 143C-3-3(b), there is appropriated from the  
7 General Fund to The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina the sum of  
8 forty-two million two hundred thousand dollars (\$42,200,000) in nonrecurring funds for the  
9 2019-2020 fiscal year to be allocated to the University of North Carolina School of the Arts  
10 (UNC School of the Arts) for the planning, repair, and renovations of the Stevens Center owned  
11 and operated by the UNC School of the Arts. The funds shall be used to make significant  
12 upgrades to plumbing, mechanical, electrical, and life safety systems, as well as upgrades to  
13 theater sound, lighting, and stage equipment, for the existing 77,500 square foot building housing  
14 the Stevens Center. The repairs and renovations of the Stevens Center shall support the largest  
15 and most important teaching and training facility for the UNC School of the Arts, which is critical  
16 to the academic mission of the school. The goals of the renovation shall be to (i) preserve and  
17 enhance opportunities to use the Stevens Center as a classroom, (ii) improve the experience of  
18 patrons of the Stevens Center, (iii) renovate the stage house to allow for a higher rate of venue  
19 turnover, and (iv) improve the back of the house and rehearsal space to enhance the stage and  
20 house experience.

21 **SECTION 2.** The funds allocated to the UNC School of the Arts pursuant to Section  
22 1 of this act shall not revert to the General Fund at the end of the 2019-2020 fiscal year but shall  
23 remain available until June 30, 2023, for the purposes set forth in this act.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

