

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**SENATE BILL 581**

Short Title: Funds/Folklife Program at Old Fort. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Queen.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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March 12, 2009

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
AN ACT TO PROVIDE FUNDS FOR THE FOLKLIFE PROGRAM IN OLD FORT.

Whereas, funding is needed to provide funds for the presentation of high quality public programs representing local music, arts, and culture at the Mountain Gateway Museum, the Westernmost Branch of the North Carolina Museum of History, located in Old Fort in McDowell County; and

Whereas, this program has served for three years as an educational and heritage tourism resource for rural and low-wealth counties in the western region of the State; and

Whereas, thousands of visitors attend these summer weekend festivities, providing an economic draw to the local economy; Now, therefore,  
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Resources the sum of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year to be allocated to the North Carolina Arts Council for the Folklife Program at the Mountain Gateway Museum in Old Fort.

**SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

