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HOUSE BILL 494

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

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March 28, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE REPAIRS AND RENOVATION OF THE
STEVENS CENTER OWNED AND OPERATED BY THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
CAROLINA SCHOOL OF THE ARTS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

