

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH80198-LG-376A (3/13)

Short Title: Interact/YWCA Bldg Renovation Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Ross.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE FAMILY VIOLENCE PREVENTION
3 CENTER (INTERACT) TO RENOVATE THE OBERLIN ROAD YWCA IN
4 WAKE COUNTY.

5 Whereas, Interact of Wake County is the County's primary provider of
6 programs and services to victims of domestic violence and their families, including
7 emergency shelter to those escaping violence and abuse; and

8 Whereas, the dramatic population growth in this region has resulted in Wake
9 County having the fewest number of domestic violence shelter beds per capita of any
10 domestic violence shelter in the State; and

11 Whereas, the expanded capacity made possible through this appropriation
12 will make it possible for Interact of Wake County to have facility space sufficient to
13 absorb, as needed, domestic violence victims and their families in need of emergency
14 shelter space from surrounding counties, as well as from counties all across the State
15 when natural disasters necessitate evacuation; and

16 Whereas, Interact's vision for its new facility is to create a model for the
17 provision of programs and services for these victims so that all such agencies across the
18 State may benefit in providing for the needs of the citizens of their community; and

19 Whereas, Interact has already received substantial support from Wake
20 County, and is actively seeking support from the City of Raleigh and all municipalities
21 within Wake County, as well as from federal sources, toward the \$5,000,000 needed for
22 the acquisition, renovation, and equipping of the new facility; and

23 Whereas, support for this effort is coming from individuals, foundations, and
24 corporations as well as public sources for this effort, called The Campaign for a Safe
25 Place; Now, therefore,

26 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

1 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Family
2 Violence Prevention Center, Inc. (Interact), a nonprofit organization, the sum of five
3 hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to retrofit and
4 renovate the former Oberlin Road YWCA building in Wake County to expand its
5 services to victims and survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault.

6 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.