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State's Film Industry Could Flourish In '06

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RALEIGH, N.C. -- North Carolina's resurgent film industry is poised to flourish in the new year as Hollywood producers react to a fresh set of tax breaks drawing them in.

The director of the North Carolina Film Office said the keys to the booming end of 2005 and the strong prospect for 2006 are the economic incentives the Legislature passed in August.

Bill Arnold said his office's workload has doubled in the past few months as Hollywood's money-watchers move in. Arnold said it's like the state's feature film heyday of the late 1980s and early 1990s.

The business is so good that the president of EUE/Screen Gems Studios in Wilmington is planning to add two more sound stages to his lot.

The nine stages Frank Capra Jr. already has are booked by the WB's "One Tree Hill" and NBC's "Surface."

Feature films shot in North Carolina this year include an independent film titled "Home of the Giants" starring Haley Joel Osment and a NASCAR comedy starring Will Farrell that filmed for six months in the Charlotte and Rockingham areas.

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