

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1515

Short Title: Museum of History Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton, Easterling, and N. Crawford.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 1, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, AND
2 INSTALLATION OF EXHIBITIONS FOR THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA
3 MUSEUM OF HISTORY BUILDING.
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5 Whereas, construction of the new building for the North Carolina Museum of
6 History began on April 24, 1989; and

7 Whereas, the building is scheduled to be completed in August, 1991; and

8 Whereas, the citizens of North Carolina will expect the new museum to open
9 within a year after completion of the new building; and

10 Whereas, no funds have been appropriated for the design, construction, and
11 installation of exhibitions for the new building; and

12 Whereas, there will be over 55,000 square feet of exhibition space in the new
13 building; and

14 Whereas, 30,000 square feet of the exhibition space in the new building
15 should be ready for viewing if public expectations are to be met when the building
16 opens; and

17 Whereas, commercial exhibition costs are currently one hundred to two
18 hundred fifty dollars per square foot depending on complexity; and

19 Whereas, by using a combination of commercial and museum staff expertise
20 in the design, construction, and installation of exhibits, costs can be reduced to less than
21 fifty dollars per square foot; and

22 Whereas, funds for the design of the proposed exhibitions must be available
23 in 1989 followed by construction and installation funds in 1991 if the museum is to be
24 opened in June or July 1992; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
3 Cultural Resources, Division of Archives and History \$285,000 for fiscal year 1989-90
4 and \$1,020,000 for fiscal year 1990-91 for the purpose of designing, constructing, and
5 installing exhibitions in the new North Carolina Museum of History building.

6 Sec. 2. Funds appropriated in this act shall be expended in accordance with
7 G.S. 121-11 and G.S. 143-31.2.

8 Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.