

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 1445

Short Title: Museum of Natural Sciences Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Perdue, Plyler, Odom, Martin of Pitt; and Warren.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 3, 1996

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR EXHIBITS FOR THE NEW NORTH
CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES.**

Whereas, the construction of the new State Museum of Natural Sciences has already begun and will be completed in July of 1998; and

Whereas, the schematic design phase of the exhibits is already underway; and

Whereas, in order to open the Museum on time in June of 1999, funding for major exhibits including dioramas of mountain and beach habitats must be available before June of 1997; and

Whereas, contracts for upfit of exhibits must be signed before June of 1997 for the exhibits to be completed on time; and

Whereas, the Museum is raising \$8 million for exhibits from other sources across North Carolina, and these contributions are being paid over several years and all of these funds are not yet available; and

Whereas, opening the new Museum will quadruple the space available in the present Museum and will triple the number of school children who can be accommodated in the Museum; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources, the sum of seven million six hundred

1 thousand dollars (\$7,600,000) for the 1996-97 fiscal year for design, upfit, purchase, and
2 construction of exhibits for the State Museum of Natural Sciences.

3 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1996.