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SENATE BILL 1589

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Dannelly and Plyler.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 1, 1998

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A GRASSROOTS SCIENCE MUSEUMS
PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES TO
IMPROVE STATE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of three million two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$3,250,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year for the full funding of the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative.

(b) The GSMC is administered by the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science and technology centers in the State. The membership in the Grassroots Science Museum Program will be determined and funds will be distributed by a process developed by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources with consultation with the Grassroots Science Museums which allocates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to each Grassroots Science Museum and an additional percentage based on the operating budget of each museum.

(c) The participating museums with Grassroots science programs are located in the cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, and the Town of Ocean Isle.

1 Section 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
2 Environment and Natural Resources the resources to provide equal base funding of fifty
3 thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to each museum in Asheville, the
4 Health Adventure, and the Western North Carolina Nature Center.

5 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1998.