

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 276

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Carter, Clodfelter, Dannelly, Garwood, Hagan, Harris, Hartsell, Hoyle, Jordan, Kinnaird, Lee, Lucas, Martin of Pitt, Metcalf, Miller, Perdue, Phillips, Plyler, Purcell, Rucho, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 8, 1999

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. 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 1999-2000 fiscal year for full funding of the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative.

The Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative is administered by the North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science and technology centers in the State. Each Grassroots Science Museum shall receive fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funding and an additional percentage based on the operating budget of the museum.

The participating museums with grassroots science programs are located in the cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, Rocky Mount, Statesville, 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 1999-2000 fiscal year to each museum in Asheville,
4 the Health Adventure, and the Western North Carolina Nature Center.

5 Section 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 1999.