GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 997

Short Title:	Animal Discovery Funds.	(Public)
Sponsors:	Senators Hagan; and Martin of Guilford.	
Referred to:	Appropriations/Base Budget.	

April 5, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE ANIMAL DISCOVERY PROJECT AT THE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER OF GREENSBORO.

Whereas, the Natural Science Center has served the City of Greensboro for more than 40 years offering award-winning educational programs and exhibits; and

Whereas, the Center attracts 200,000 visitors annually, including 70,000 school children; and

Whereas, the Center has attracted visitors from all of North Carolina's 100 counties; 38 states, and eight countries; and

Whereas, family memberships have grown from 400 to 4,200 over the past 10 years; and

Whereas, the Center plans to build a new Animal Discovery area to replace the outdated animal facility; and

Whereas, Animal Discovery will provide visitors with an unrivaled learning environment and will serve as a regional tourist attraction; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Natural Science Center of Greensboro, a nonprofit corporation, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars ($500,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year for the Animal Discovery project, a state-of-the-art, interactive, live animal exhibit that will teach visitors about animals by allowing them to observe and imitate the animals.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.