

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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HOUSE BILL 1637*

Short Title: Natural Sciences Museum Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Colton; Bowman, Gottovi, Jeffus, Luebke, and Stamey.

Referred to: Appropriations.

June 8, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PRODUCE CONSTRUCTION
2 DOCUMENTS FOR THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF
3 NATURAL SCIENCES.
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5 Whereas, in 1986, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to
6 \$500,000 for the design development phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of
7 Natural Sciences; and

8 Whereas, the design development phase of the project was completed in
9 1989; and

10 Whereas, in 1989, the General Assembly authorized the use of \$410,000 to
11 produce construction documents for the project; and

12 Whereas, in 1990, the General Assembly appropriated an additional \$90,000
13 for planning the museum; and

14 Whereas, in January of 1991, the \$90,000 appropriated for the project in 1990
15 was frozen by the Governor, and in February of 1991, the \$410,000 made available for
16 the project in 1989 was frozen by the Governor; and

17 Whereas, in July of 1991, the frozen funds were reverted to the General Fund;
18 and

19 Whereas, the museum is currently in the Museum Annex of the Agriculture
20 Building in converted office space; and

21 Whereas, this space is grossly inadequate to house the museum's collection
22 and the museum is inhibited in its task to collect, preserve, and use its collection; and

23 Whereas, in the current facility, the museum is unable to present fully
24 effective educational programs and exhibitions; and

1 Whereas, over 100,000 school children who visit the museum each year and
2 the museum is the most popular attraction in the State government complex; Now,
3 therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
6 Administration the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the
7 1992-93 fiscal year to produce construction documents for the new North Carolina State
8 Museum of Natural Sciences.

9 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.