

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE BILL 541**

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museum Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Easterling; Alexander, Cansler, Jeffus, Luebke,  
Michaux, Weiss, and West.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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March 8, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO FULLY FUND THE GRASSROOTS  
SCIENCE MUSEUM COLLABORATIVE TO ENHANCE 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 seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$3,770,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year and the sum of three million seven hundred seventy thousand dollars (\$3,770,000) for the 2002-2003 fiscal year for full funding of the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative to enhance State programs in science and environmental education.

**SECTION 1(b).** The Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative is administered by the North Carolina Museum of Natural Sciences. Participating members of the collaborative are as follows:

- (1) Aurora Fossil Museum (Aurora, Beaufort County)
- (2) Cape Fear Museum (Wilmington, New Hanover County)
- (3) Carolina Raptor Center (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County)
- (4) Catawba Science Center (Hickory, Catawba County)
- (5) Children's Museum of Iredell County (Statesville, Iredell County)
- (6) Colburn Gem and Mineral Museum (Asheville, Buncombe County)
- (7) Discovery Place (Charlotte, Mecklenburg County)
- (8) Fascinate-U (Fayetteville, Cumberland County)
- (9) Granville County Museum Commission, Inc. – Harris Gallery (Oxford, Granville County)
- (10) The Health Adventure Museum of Pack Place Education, Arts and Science Center, Inc. (Asheville, Buncombe County)
- (11) Highlands Biological Station (Highlands, Macon County)

- 1           (12) Imagination Station (Wilson, Wilson County)  
2           (13) Museum of Coastal Carolina (Ocean Isle, Brunswick County)  
3           (14) Natural Science Center of Greensboro (Greensboro, Guilford County)  
4           (15) North Carolina Museum of Life and Science (Durham, Durham  
5           County)  
6           (16) Rocky Mount Children's Museum (Rocky Mount, Nash County)  
7           (17) Schiele Museum of Natural History (Gastonia, Gaston County)  
8           (18) SciWorks Science Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County  
9           (Winston-Salem, Forsyth County)  
10          (19) Western North Carolina Nature Center (Asheville, Buncombe County)  
11          (20) Wilmington Children's Museum (Wilmington, New Hanover County).  
12          **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.