

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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HOUSE DRH50300-LG-433 (03/16)

Short Title: Wilson Science Museums Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Tolson.

Referred to:

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUMS OF WILSON.

Whereas, humans are curious and want to explore their world; and

Whereas, the Imagination Station Science Museum serves 28 counties in Eastern North Carolina with hands-on, inquiry-based science education programs to foster the explorer in our students; and

Whereas, an interest in science, technology, and computer literacy is vital to the next generation of our workforce; and

Whereas, because of Imagination Station Science Museum's efforts, the students of Eastern North Carolina are exposed to unique and thought-provoking science programs that serve as a foundation for these vital skills; and

Whereas, Imagination Station Science Museum suffered a tragic fire that consumed the entire live animal collection, destroyed numerous exhibits, and negatively impacted the museum financially; and

Whereas, strong community support has raised more than \$1.2 million in capital funds to remodel the prior vacant 1927 Federal Post Office building in downtown Wilson and reopened Imagination Station Science Museum to the citizens of Eastern North Carolina; and

Whereas, the museum has a direct economic impact on Wilson County of approximately \$1.5 million dollars annually; Now, therefore,
The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to Science Museums of Wilson, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to support the retirement of capital debt incurred as a result of recovery from the catastrophic fire.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.