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SENATE BILL 256

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museums Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom, Hoyle; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Blust, Carrington, Clark, Cooper, Dannelly, Gulley, Horton, Jordan, Ledbetter, Lucas, Martin of Guilford, McDaniel, Miller, Perdue, Plyler, Reeves, Rucho, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Warren, and Winner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 27, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GRASSROOTS SCIENCE MUSEUM COLLABORATIVE BY THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES TO IMPROVE 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, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to fund the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative (GSMC).

(b) The GSMC is administered by the State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science and technology centers in the State. The membership in the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative shall be determined and funds shall be distributed by a process developed by the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources with consultation with the Grassroots Science Museums

1 which allocates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to each Grassroots Science Museum and
2 an additional percentage based on the operating budget of each museum.

3 (c) The participating museums with grassroots science programs are located in the
4 Cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, Raleigh, Rocky
5 Mount, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, and the Town of Ocean Isle.

6 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.