

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 523

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Odom; Albertson, Allran, Ballantine, Berger, Bingham, Carpenter, Carrington, Carter, Clodfelter, Dalton, Dannelly, Forrester, Garrou, Gulley, Harris, Hartsell, Hoyle, Jordan, Kerr, Kinnaird, Lee, Martin of Guilford, Miller, Moore, Plyler, Purcell, Rand, Rucho, Shaw of Cumberland, Shaw of Guilford, Soles, Weinstein, and Wellons.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

March 19, 2001

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

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2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR A GRASSROOTS SCIENCE MUSEUM
3 PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES
4 TO IMPROVE STATE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
5 EDUCATION.

6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
8 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of three million four
9 hundred twenty thousand dollars (\$3,420,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year for full
10 funding of the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative.

11 The Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative is administered by the North
12 Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science
13 and technology centers in the State. Each Grassroots Science Museum shall receive fifty
14 thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funding and an additional percentage based on the
15 operating budget of the museum.

16 The participating museums with grassroots science programs are located in
17 the cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, Rocky
18 Mount, Oxford, Statesville, Wilson, Winston-Salem, Wilmington, and the Towns of
19 Aurora and Ocean Isle.

20 **SECTION 2.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the
21 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the resources to provide equal base
22 funding of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) for the 2001-2002 fiscal year to the Carolina
23 Raptor Center in Charlotte.

24 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2001.