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HOUSE BILL DRH30011-MK-5*

Short Title: Remove Silent Sam/UNC-Chapel Hill.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representative Alexander.

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH
3 CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO REMOVE A MONUMENT FROM THE
4 UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND TRANSFER THE MONUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT
5 OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO BE PLACED IN A CEMETERY
6 FOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.
7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:
8 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 100-2.1, the chancellor of the University of
9 North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) shall permanently remove from the campus of
10 UNC-Chapel Hill the monument, including the pedestal and statue, that is an object of
11 remembrance depicting a Confederate soldier facing north, sculpted by John Wilson and
12 dedicated on June 2, 1913, commonly identified with the colloquial name of "Silent Sam" and
13 associated with the white supremacy belief system, that was located at the center of McCorkle
14 place on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The chancellor shall remove any part of the monument
15 (i) being stored by UNC-Chapel Hill or (ii) that has been returned to its original site or placed on
16 any other site on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The chancellor shall transfer the entire monument
17 into the custody of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Notwithstanding
18 G.S. 100-2.1, 143B-53.1, and 143B-62, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall
19 move the monument to a new site in a cemetery located in the State that is the burial location of
20 a significant number of Confederate soldiers of the Civil War. The Board of Governors of The
21 University of North Carolina is prohibited from directing the relocation of the monument unless
22 it is in accordance with the provisions of this act.
23 **SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

