

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

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**SENATE BILL 265\***

Short Title: NC Transportation Museum Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senator Ford (Primary Sponsor).

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Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

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March 18, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE NORTH CAROLINA TRANSPORTATION  
2 MUSEUM.  
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4 Whereas, the North Carolina Transportation Museum, located in Rowan County, is  
5 the only one of its kind in the State, displaying the history of all forms of transportation in North  
6 Carolina; and

7 Whereas, the North Carolina Transportation Museum is a major economic engine for  
8 the Town of Spencer and Rowan County in general, attracting more than 143,000 visitors and  
9 generating \$18.3 million for the local economy in 2017; and

10 Whereas, the Power House, the second-oldest structure at the North Carolina  
11 Transportation Museum, once provided the electricity required to run Southern Railway's largest  
12 repair facility, as well as the Town of Spencer; and

13 Whereas, renovating and expanding the Power House structure will enable the North  
14 Carolina Transportation Museum to move its outdoor programming space to a larger, safer area  
15 for shows, concerts, and festivals, and to provide rental space to generate additional revenue; and

16 Whereas, the State and the North Carolina Transportation Museum Foundation have  
17 spent \$3,100,000 from 2005 through 2017 to bring the Power House to its current condition that  
18 is not yet finished for occupancy; Now, therefore,  
19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
21 Natural and Cultural Resources, Division of State Historic Sites, the sum of two million five  
22 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of two million  
23 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year to complete the renovation and expansion of  
24 the Power House facility at the North Carolina Transportation Museum in Spencer.

25 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.

