

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2023**

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**HOUSE BILL 710**

Short Title: Ft. Fisher Aquarium/Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representative Davis.

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Referred to: Appropriations, if favorable, Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House

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April 19, 2023

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE FORT FISHER  
3 AQUARIUM IN NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

4 Whereas, the North Carolina Aquarium at Fort Fisher has begun work on a  
5 comprehensive expansion and renovation project with a total cost of \$30,500,000; and

6 Whereas, the State of North Carolina has previously appropriated \$20,000,000 toward  
7 the project, leaving a balance of \$10,500,000 in additional need to complete the project; Now,  
8 therefore,

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** The sum of ten million five hundred thousand dollars (\$10,500,000)  
11 in nonrecurring funds for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
12 Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to be allocated for the expansion and renovation  
13 of the Fort Fisher Aquarium in New Hanover County.

14 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2023.



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