

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA

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SENATE BILL 828*

Short Title: Nat. Sciences Museum Construc. Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Perdue.

Referred to: Appropriations.

April 13, 1993

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW
NORTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES.**

Whereas, in 1986, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to \$500,000 for the design development phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences; and

Whereas, the design development phase of the project was completed in 1989; and

Whereas, in 1992, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to \$750,000 for the construction document phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences; and

Whereas, the construction document phase of the project will be completed in July 1993; and

Whereas, the museum is currently in the Museum Annex of the Agriculture Building in converted office space and there are cracks in the foundation under the main lobby area; and

Whereas, this space is grossly inadequate to house the museum's significant scientific collection and the museum is inhibited in its task to protect, conserve, and use its collection; and

Whereas, in the current facility, the museum is unable to present fully effective educational programs and exhibitions; and

Whereas, over 100,000 school children visit the museum each year and the museum is the most popular attraction in the State government complex; and

1 Whereas, the capacity of the Museum is 960 and regularly in the spring and
2 fall months and at special events the museum has anywhere from 1000-2000 visitors in
3 the building on a given day; and

4 Whereas, in August of 1993, the New North Carolina State Museum of
5 Natural Sciences will be ready for bid; Now, therefore,
6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
8 Agriculture the sum of thirty million eight hundred thirty-four thousand five hundred
9 dollars (\$30,834,500) for the 1993-94 fiscal year for construction of a new Museum of
10 Natural Sciences.

11 Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1993.