

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**SESSION 1991**

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SENATE BILL 1189\*

Short Title: Natural Sciences Museum Funds.

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Sponsors: Senator Staton.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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June 4, 1992

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO PRODUCE CONSTRUCTION  
2 DOCUMENTS FOR THE NEW NORTH CAROLINA STATE MUSEUM OF  
3 NATURAL SCIENCES.  
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5       Whereas, in 1986, the General Assembly authorized the use of up to  
6 \$500,000 for the design development phase of a new North Carolina State Museum of  
7 Natural Sciences; and

8       Whereas, the design development phase of the project was completed in  
9 1989; and

10       Whereas, in 1989, the General Assembly authorized the use of \$410,000 to  
11 produce construction documents for the project; and

12       Whereas, in 1990, the General Assembly appropriated an additional \$90,000  
13 for planning the museum; and

14       Whereas, in January of 1991, the \$90,000 appropriated for the project in 1990  
15 was frozen by the Governor, and in February of 1991, the \$410,000 made available for  
16 the project in 1989 was frozen by the Governor; and

17       Whereas, in July of 1991, the frozen funds were reverted to the General Fund;  
18 and

19       Whereas, the museum is currently in the Museum Annex of the Agriculture  
20 Building in converted office space; and

21       Whereas, this space is grossly inadequate to house the museum's collection  
22 and the museum is inhibited in its task to collect, preserve, and use its collection; and

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

1           Whereas, over 100,000 school children who visit the museum each year and  
2 the museum is the most popular attraction in the State government complex; Now,  
3 therefore,

4 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

5           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
6 Administration the sum of seven hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$750,000) for the  
7 1992-93 fiscal year to produce construction documents for the new North Carolina State  
8 Museum of Natural Sciences.

9           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1992.