

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 1532**

Short Title: NC Museums Council Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Gottovi; Colton, H. Hunter, James, Jenkins, Yongue, Cummings, Mosley, Hensley, Jeffus, Warner, Ives, and Hill.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL  
2 RESOURCES TO JOIN WITH THE NORTH CAROLINA MUSEUMS COUNCIL  
3 IN PROVIDING SERVICE TO MUSEUMS THROUGHOUT NORTH  
4 CAROLINA.  
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6 Whereas, more than 200 museums exist in our State, varying greatly in size  
7 and subject, from the small county history museum to the local art gallery to the  
8 regional science center and to the large historic village; and

9 Whereas, museums serve all 100 counties in North Carolina, educate  
10 thousands of school children on a daily basis, provide life-long learning experience to  
11 millions of citizens, and offer after-school programs that enable at-risk children to  
12 participate in meaningful activities; and

13 Whereas, museums are the tourism base in many communities, providing  
14 economic benefits and job creation from tourism dollars spent in these communities;  
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16 Whereas, our museums need professional support to care better for  
17 irreplaceable artifacts, provide teachers with authentic materials and supplement in-  
18 school learning with hands-on museum experiences, and continue to boost the economic  
19 vitality of communities through increased tourism; and

20 Whereas, the North Carolina Museums Council, a volunteer nonprofit  
21 association of museums and museum professionals representing science, art, and history  
22 museums in North Carolina, agrees to work with the Department in a public-private  
23 partnership to strengthen and serve all museums in our State; Now, therefore,

1 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

2           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
3 Cultural Resources, the sum of thirty-seven thousand two hundred dollars (\$37,200) for  
4 the 1994-95 fiscal year for the establishment of a museums services position, charged  
5 with the responsibility of planning for and directing a partnership with the North  
6 Carolina Museums Council to: assist the development of museums, particularly local  
7 museums in our State; provide further training for the staff members of museums; and  
8 give opportunities for staff members of museums to share information, ideas, and  
9 materials to enhance the appreciation of the State's natural and cultural heritage, thereby  
10 improving the quality of life for the citizens of our State.

11           Sec. 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.