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HOUSE BILL 155

Short Title: Grassroots Science Museums Funds.

(Public)

Sponsors: Representatives Easterling; Adams, Alexander, Boyd-McIntyre, Cunningham, Dickson, Hensley, H. Hunter, Jeffus, Luebke, Miller, Moore, Mosley, Nye, Redwine, Sherrill, Smith, Wainwright, and Warner.

Referred to: Appropriations.

February 13, 1997

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

**AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GRASSROOTS SCIENCE MUSEUM
COLLABORATIVE BY THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL SCIENCES TO
IMPROVE STATE PROGRAMS IN SCIENCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL
EDUCATION.**

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources the sum of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1997-98 fiscal year and the sum of two million six hundred thousand dollars (\$2,600,000) for the 1998-99 fiscal year to fund the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative (GSMC).

(b) The GSMC is administered by the State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science and technology centers in the State. The membership in the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative shall be determined and funds shall be distributed by a process developed by the Department of Environment, Health, and Natural Resources with consultation with the Grassroots Science Museums which allocates fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) to each Grassroots Science Museum and an additional percentage based on the operating budget of each museum.

1 (c) The participating museums with grassroots science programs are located in the
2 Cities of Asheville, Charlotte, Durham, Gastonia, Greensboro, Hickory, Raleigh, Rocky
3 Mount, Wilson, Winston-Salem, and Wilmington.

4 Section 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 1997.