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SENATE BILL 1197

Short Title: Funds for SciWorks of Forsyth County. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Garrou.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 10, 2006

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE SCIENCE CENTER AND
3 ENVIRONMENTAL PARK OF FORSYTH COUNTY (SCIWORKS), A
4 NONPROFIT CORPORATION.

5 Whereas, The Science Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County,
6 SciWorks, has been the leader in providing exceptional science and technology learning
7 experiences to Forsyth County and surrounding communities since 1964; and

8 Whereas, SciWorks offers visitors interactive exhibits in physics, biology, the
9 natural sciences, health sciences, astronomy, and technology; and

10 Whereas, SciWorks includes a 120-seat planetarium, a science museum with
11 collections in geology, birds, mammals, shells, and technology, and an environmental
12 park with walking trails through outdoor displays of the wetlands and bog gardens, the
13 woodland forest, and the foothills stream exhibit; and

14 Whereas, over 90,000 people visited SciWorks in 2005, including 30,000
15 schoolchildren from 23 North Carolina counties and six counties in southwest Virginia
16 who visited during field trips; and

17 Whereas, State support of SciWorks will not only help educate the citizens of
18 the State in the areas of science, technology, and the environment, but will also provide
19 an economic benefit to the Piedmont region of the State by attracting visitors; Now,
20 therefore,

21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Science
23 Center and Environmental Park of Forsyth County (SciWorks), a nonprofit corporation,
24 the sum of one million dollars (\$1,000,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to make
25 improvements to the facilities of the Center, including new, state-of-the-art exhibits as
26 well as upgrades and enhancements to existing exhibits.

27 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.