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SENATE BILL 1230*

Short Title: Iredell Museums Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Forrester; Allran and Hartsell.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

May 10, 2006

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE IREDELL MUSEUMS, INC.

Whereas, the Children's Museum of Iredell County has received State funding through the Grassroots Science Collaborative for a number of years; and

Whereas, most recently, the State appropriated \$56,618 to the Children's Museum for the 2004-2005 fiscal year; and

Whereas, in 2004, the Children's Museum of Iredell County and the Museum of Arts and Heritage merged into one entity, becoming The Iredell Museums; and

Whereas, the mission of The Iredell Museums is to "preserve, promote, and provide learning experiences in culture, heritage, science, and the arts"; and

Whereas, The Iredell Museums, Inc., needs State funds to assist the museums in providing its patrons with quality educational experiences in a museum setting; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to The Iredell Museums, Inc., an unfunded member of the Grassroots Science Collaborative, the sum of one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) for the 2006-2007 fiscal year to be used for the museums' operating expenses.

SECTION 2. It is the intent of the General Assembly that The Iredell Museums shall receive a recurring allocation from funds appropriated to the Department of Environment and Natural Resources for the Grassroots Science program in subsequent fiscal years based on the formula used by the Department of Environment and Natural Resources to calculate the allocations for funded members of the Grassroots Science Collaborative.

SECTION 3. This act becomes effective July 1, 2006.