

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**  
**SESSION 2007**

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**HOUSE BILL 1271**

Short Title: Funds for Grassroots Science Museums. (Public)

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Sponsors: Representatives Dickson, Carney, R. Warren (Primary Sponsors); Alexander, Bordsen, Brubaker, Cotham, England, Faison, Farmer-Butterfield, Fisher, Glazier, Gulley, Harrison, Jeffus, Martin, Parmon, Rapp, Ross, Setzer, Spear, Underhill, Wainwright, Weiss, and Womble.

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Referred to: Appropriations.

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April 3, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE GRASSROOTS SCIENCE  
2 MUSEUMS COLLABORATIVE ADMINISTERED BY THE MUSEUM OF  
3 NATURAL SCIENCES TO IMPROVE SCIENCE, ENVIRONMENTAL, AND  
4 TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION.  
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6 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

7 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the  
8 Department of Environment and Natural Resources the sum of four million five hundred  
9 thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year and the sum of four million  
10 five hundred thousand dollars (\$4,500,000) for the 2008-2009 fiscal year for funding of  
11 the Grassroots Science Museum Collaborative, which is administered by the North  
12 Carolina State Museum of Natural Sciences and provides a forum to strengthen science  
13 and technology centers in the State. Each grassroots science museum shall receive fifty  
14 thousand dollars (\$50,000) in funding and an additional percentage based on the  
15 operating budget of the museum. The participating museums of the Grassroots Science  
16 Museums Collaborative serve all 100 counties and are located in North Carolina in the  
17 cities of Asheville, Aurora, Brevard, Charlotte, Durham, Elizabeth City, Fayetteville,  
18 Gastonia, Greensboro, Greenville, Hickory, Highlands, Huntersville, Lumberton,  
19 Morehead, Ocean Isle, Oxford, Raleigh, Rocky Mount, Rutherfordton, Statesville,  
20 Whiteville, Wilson, Wilmington, and Winston-Salem.

21 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007.