

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2007**

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**SENATE BILL 287\***

Short Title: Greensboro Natural Science Center Funds. (Public)

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Sponsors: Senators Hagan; and Dorsett.

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Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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February 22, 2007

1                                   A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO THE NATURAL SCIENCE CENTER OF  
3 GREENSBORO TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ITS MASTER  
4 PLAN TO DEVELOP AN INTERDISCIPLINARY SCIENCE EDUCATION  
5 ATTRACTION.

6           Whereas, the Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc., adopted a 10-year,  
7 \$15,200,000 master plan to advance science education and tourism; and

8           Whereas, the master plan of the Natural Science Center of Greensboro, Inc.,  
9 provides for expanding facilities and opportunities in experiential science education,  
10 targeting students and families; and

11           Whereas, \$6,070,000 in local and private funding has been committed for this  
12 project; Now, therefore,

13 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

14           **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Natural  
15 Science Center of Greensboro, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, the sum of two million  
16 dollars (\$2,000,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to assist in the implementation of its  
17 master plan to develop a nationally accredited science museum in order to provide  
18 experiential science education facilities and programs that will:

- 19           (1) Complement State and local science education standards; and  
20           (2) Improve regional tourism through the development of a signature  
21 science-based attraction.

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