A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO REPAIR, UPGRADE, AND EXPAND THE HENDERSON INSTITUTE ALUMNI MUSEUM.

Whereas, the Henderson Institute Alumni Museum (Museum) is located on part of the campus site of the Henderson Institute, a former high school used to educate black students from 1887 to 1970 in Henderson, North Carolina; and

Whereas, the Museum was established in 1986 in the renovated Library Science Building by Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Association, Inc.; and

Whereas, the Museum was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1998 and houses artifacts and historical materials that supported the educational and vocational mission of the school; and

Whereas, since its opening, the Museum has attracted thousands of visitors who have visited the facility to observe the rich history and legacy of the school. However, lack of adequate funding has caused the building not to be properly maintained, operated, and expanded to provide additional services, particularly technology; and

Whereas, funding is needed to repair, upgrade, and expand services of the Museum;

Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

SECTION 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of State Budget and Management the sum of three hundred thousand dollars ($300,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2022-2023 fiscal year to provide a directed grant to Henderson Institute Graduates and Former Students Association, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to repair, upgrade, and expand services for the Henderson Institute Alumni Museum.

SECTION 2. This act becomes effective July 1, 2022.