

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2021**

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**SENATE BILL 70**

Short Title: Funds/Carolina Museum of The Marine. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators Lazzara and Perry (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

February 9, 2021

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE CAROLINA MUSEUM OF THE MARINE  
2 AND CIVIC INSTITUTE IN ONSLOW COUNTY.  
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4       Whereas, efforts are underway to complete Phase II of the Carolina Museum of the  
5 Marine and Civic Institute, which will be a world-class, high-tech, and high-touch museum that  
6 honors the legacy of Carolina Marines and Sailors; and

7       Whereas, the Museum will be a 40,000 square foot facility in Onslow County and  
8 will consist of various exhibits highlighting such subjects as expeditionary warfare and  
9 amphibious operations, Carolina Marine Air-Ground Task Force's development of maneuver  
10 warfare philosophy, women Marines, Montford Point Marines, War Dogs, and Wounded Warrior  
11 Barracks; and

12       Whereas, the Museum will also include a Civic Institute which will offer conferences,  
13 lectures, courses, and symposia to provide attendees with opportunities to learn and practice the  
14 enduring core values of American citizenship and the civic virtue that is emblematic of legends  
15 of the Marine Corps; and

16       Whereas, the Museum will also serve as a multipurpose venue for public and private  
17 events, including military balls, promotions and retirement ceremonies, and civic activities; Now,  
18 therefore,

19 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

20       **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Museum of The  
21 Marine, a nonprofit organization, the sum of twenty-six million dollars (\$26,000,000) in  
22 nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to be used for building the Carolina Museum  
23 of the Marine and Civic Institute and designing and installing exhibits, classrooms and theaters,  
24 and immersive technology.

25       **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.

