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SENATE BILL 1468

Short Title: Afro-American Tourism Site Comm.

(Public)

Sponsors: Senator Martin of Guilford.

Referred to: Appropriations.

May 25, 1994

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO CREATE AN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AT NORTH
CAROLINA SITES HIGHLIGHTING AFRICAN-AMERICAN
ACCOMPLISHMENTS AND TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO ASSIST WITH
RENOVATION AND EQUIPMENT FOR THE CIVIL RIGHTS MEMORIAL,
CENTER, AND MUSEUM AT GREENSBORO.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

Section 1. (a) There is created the Advisory Committee on Tourism at North
Carolina Sites Highlighting African-American Accomplishments.

(b) The Advisory Committee shall consist of 17 members:

(1) Eight members shall be appointed by the Governor;

a. At least two of the Governor's appointees shall be persons who
directly participated in the planning, leadership, or
implementation of the North Carolina sit-in movement of 1960;

b. At least two of the Governor's appointees shall be persons who
have done scholarly work related to the civil rights movement
of the 1960s as it occurred in North Carolina; and

c. At least two of the Governor's appointees shall be
knowledgeable about North Carolina's travel and tourism
industry;

(2) Four members, of whom at least two shall be members of the Senate,
shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the recommendation
of the President Pro Tempore of the Senate, in accordance with G.S.
120-121;

1 (3) Four members, of whom at least two shall be members of the House of
2 Representatives, shall be appointed by the General Assembly upon the
3 recommendation of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, in
4 accordance with G.S. 120-121;

5 (4) The Secretary of Cultural Resources, or a designee, shall be a member
6 of the Committee.

7 (c) The Governor shall appoint the Chairman of the Committee.

8 (d) The Advisory Committee shall study and make recommendations on
9 programming, activities, and site development that will best enhance on-going public
10 visitation and attract national and international travel and tourism attention for sites that
11 highlight and reflect African-American accomplishments. Initial emphasis shall be
12 placed on those sites that have been designated State Historic Sites.

13 The Committee shall make a recommendation on the Woolworth Building in
14 Greensboro, a site that has not yet been designated a State Historic Site, focusing on
15 programming, activities, and development designed to promote the general public's
16 understanding and appreciation for the sit-in movement and other civil rights efforts
17 starting in the 1960s.

18 (e) The Division of Archives and History, Department of Cultural Resources,
19 shall provide staff resources to the Commission. The Commission may use funds from
20 any source, including appropriated funds, to hire consultants and to travel to sites within
21 and outside North Carolina.

22 (f) The Commission shall make an interim report, no later than November 1,
23 1994, to the Governor and shall make a final report, no later than March 1, 1995, to the
24 Governor and to the General Assembly.

25 Sec. 2. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
26 Cultural Resources the sum of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) for the 1994-95
27 fiscal year to establish and operate the Advisory Committee on Tourism at North
28 Carolina Sites Highlighting African-American Accomplishments created by Section 1
29 of this act.

30 Sec. 3. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of
31 Cultural Resources the sum of two hundred seventy-five thousand dollars (\$275,000)
32 for the 1994-95 fiscal year to be placed in a nonreverting special reserve for Sit-In
33 Movement, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, for renovating and equipping the Woolworth
34 Building in Greensboro as a civil rights memorial, center, and museum commemorating
35 the sit-in movement of the 1960s. These funds shall not be expended until (i) Sit-In
36 Movement, Inc., has obtained clear title to the Woolworth Building in Greensboro, and
37 (ii) the Advisory Committee on Tourism at North Carolina Sites Highlighting African-
38 American Accomplishments has made a recommendation to the Governor approving the
39 corporation's plan for using the appropriated funds.

40 Sec. 4. This act becomes effective July 1, 1994.