

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

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**HOUSE BILL 299\***

Short Title: Schiele Museum Funds.

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Sponsors: Representatives Abernethy, Dickson, Lail, and Rhyne.

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Referred to: Basic Resources.

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February 21, 1989

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR ARCHAEOLOGICAL PROGRAMS OF  
2 THE SCHIELE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY IN GASTONIA.  
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4 Whereas, the Schiele Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Inc., of  
5 Gastonia functions as a free educational facility to interpret the wonders of the natural  
6 world and the associated sciences to the general public; and

7 Whereas, the Schiele Museum currently attracts over one-half million visitors  
8 each year and serves approximately 100,000 students from preschool through college  
9 level; and

10 Whereas, the Schiele Museum, having recently celebrated its twenty-fifth  
11 anniversary, has expanded its programs and facilities to such an extent that it has been  
12 recognized by numerous State, regional, national, and international publications and  
13 organizations; and

14 Whereas, surveys have shown that the Schiele Museum is one of the more  
15 effective museums in the State, second only to the North Carolina State Museum in  
16 number of counties served, and is years ahead of other museums in networking  
17 programs with school systems; and

18 Whereas, the Schiele Museum is a recognized asset to travel and tourism in  
19 the State and an incentive to business and industry relocations; and

20 Whereas, the Carolina Piedmont Archaeology Project started in 1984 with  
21 Schiele Museum Board funds and an Archives and History Survey and Planning Grant  
22 has operated as a public archaeology program to integrate North Carolina prehistory  
23 within a framework of the Southeastern United States and educate North Carolina  
24 citizens about their local cultural resources, both prehistoric and historic, and has

1 received Legislative appropriations in 1984 and 1987 to continue this important work;  
2 Now, therefore,

3 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

4           Section 1. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Schiele  
5 Museum of Natural History and Planetarium, Inc., in Gaston County the sum of eighty-  
6 five thousand dollars (\$85,000) for the 1989-91 fiscal years to be allocated as follows:

7           (1) Seventy thousand dollars (\$70,000) for staff and operating expenses  
8           for the continuation of the archaeological survey in the south-central  
9           Piedmont; and

10           (2) Fifteen thousand dollars (\$15,000) to conduct a summer school  
11           institute of field archaeology for the general public, college students,  
12           and senior high school students.

13           Sec. 2. The Schiele Museum need not match the funds appropriated in this  
14 act.

15           Sec. 3. This act shall become effective July 1, 1989.