## GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA SESSION 2007

S SENATE BILL 1148\*

Short Title: Schiele Museum Funds. (Public)

Sponsors: Senator Hoyle.

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18 19 Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

## March 22, 2007

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS TO IMPROVE THE CAPACITY OF THE PLANETARIUM AT THE SCHIELE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.

Whereas, the Schiele Museum of Natural History located in Gastonia serves students from over 30 counties in North Carolina; and

Whereas, this year, the Museum will receive over 79,000 visitors and serve more than 80,000 students; and

Whereas, the planetarium plays an important role in the Museum's ability to excite, inspire, interest, and improve aptitude in science; and

Whereas, acquiring a digital projection system will improve the capacity of the Museum's planetarium to deliver science programs to students and visitors; Now, therefore,

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Trustees of the Schiele Museum, Inc., a nonprofit organization, the sum of two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) for the 2007-2008 fiscal year to be used to acquire a digital projection system that can project special programs on the full expansion of the planetarium dome at the Schiele Museum of Natural History.

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