



HOUSE BILL 178: MLK Commission/Funding.

2019-2020 General Assembly

Committee:	House State and Local Government. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations, General Government. If favorable, re-refer to Appropriations. If favorable, re-refer to Rules, Calendar, and Operations of the House	Date:	March 20, 2019
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OVERVIEW: *House Bill 178 would appropriate one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the Department of Administration to be used by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to enhance the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., throughout the State.*

CURRENT LAW: The Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission is a 16 member commission of the Department of Administration. Twelve members, including the chair, are appointed by the Governor. The President Pro Tempore of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives each appoint two members. All members serve four year terms.¹ The Commission has the following duties:

- To encourage appropriate ceremonies and activities throughout the State relating to the observance of the legal holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.
- To provide advice and assistance to local governments and private organizations across the State with respect to the observance of such holiday.
- To promote among the people of North Carolina an awareness and appreciation of the life and work of Martin Luther King, Jr.

BILL ANALYSIS: House Bill 178 would appropriate from the General Fund to the Department of Administration, the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2019-2020 fiscal year and the sum of five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) for the 2020-2021 fiscal year in recurring funds to be used by the Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission to enhance the celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., throughout the State.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The act would become effective July 1, 2019.

¹ G.S. 143B-426.34 B.

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