



SENATE BILL 525: Feasibility of Textile Historic Site.

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of the bill as it was
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committee.**

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OVERVIEW: Senate Bill 525 would direct the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources to study the feasibility of creating a State historic site or State museum focused on the State's textile production and industrial history.

BILL ANALYSIS: Senate Bill 525 would direct the Office of Archives and History, within the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, to evaluate the real property and textile collection held by the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., in Franklinville, to determine the feasibility of its use in establishing a State historic site or State museum to interpret the State's textile production and industrial history.

The Office of Archives and History would be directed to report its findings and recommendations to the Randolph County Board of County Commissioners, the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural Economic Resources no later than May 1, 2020.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This act would be effective when it becomes law.

BACKGROUND: North Carolina currently has 27 State historic sites and 7 State history museums, including sites dedicated to North Carolina's historic role in transportation, tobacco production, and gold mining. There is currently no State historic site or State museum dedicated to the State's textile production and industrial history.

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