



# SENATE BILL 525: Textile Hist. Site/Operate SE NC Museum.

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**OVERVIEW:** *S.L. 2019-188 directs the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources (DNCR) to determine the feasibility of creating a State historic site or State museum focused on the State's textile production and industrial history, determine the feasibility of operating a museum in southeastern North Carolina, and report its findings and recommendations by May 1, 2020 or October 1, 2020. The act allows DNCR to use up to \$20,000 in funds appropriated to it for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for some of the evaluations and reports required by this act.*

*This act became effective July 11, 2019.*

## **BILL ANALYSIS:**

**Section 1** directs the Office of Archives and History, within DNCR, 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. By May 1, 2020, the Office of Archives and History must 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.

**Section 2** directs the Office of Archives and History to evaluate and determine the feasibility of establishing the Erwin Textile Museum, located in the Town of Erwin in Harnett County, as a State historic site or State museum to interpret the State's textile production and industrial history. By May 1, 2020, the Office of Archives and History must report its findings and recommendations to the Harnett County Board of Commissioners, the Town of Erwin, and the Erwin Textile Museum, and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

**Section 3** allows DNCR to report its findings and recommendations in Sections 1 and 2 separately or jointly, at its discretion.

**Section 4** directs the Office of Archives and History to evaluate the feasibility of operating a museum in southeastern North Carolina. By October 1, 2020, the Office of Archives and History must report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

**Section 5** allows DNCR to use up to \$20,000 of funds appropriated to it for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the evaluations and reports required by Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This act became effective July 11, 2019.

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