



SENATE BILL 525: Textile Hist. Site/Operate Cape Fear Museum.

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OVERVIEW: *The Proposed Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 525 would do the following:*

- *Direct 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.*
 - *Operating a museum in southeastern North Carolina.*
 - *Report is findings and recommendations by May 1, 2020 or October 1, 2020.*
- *Allow DNCR to use up to \$20,000 of funds from the 2018-2019 fiscal year for some of the evaluations and reports required by this act.*

BILL ANALYSIS:

Section 1 would direct the Office of Archives and History, within the 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 would have 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.

Section 2 would direct 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 would have to 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 would allow DNCR to determine how to reports its findings and recommendations in Sections 1 and 2.

SECTION 4 would direct 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 would have to report its findings and recommendations to the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Agriculture and Natural and Economic Resources.

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SECTION 5 would allow DNCR to use up to \$20,000 of funds from the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the evaluations and reports required by Sections 1 and 2 of this act.

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.