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Short Title: Remove Silent Sam/UNC-Chapel Hill. (Public)

Sponsors: Representative Alexander.

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A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE THE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH  
CAROLINA AT CHAPEL HILL TO REMOVE A MONUMENT FROM THE  
UNIVERSITY CAMPUS AND TRANSFER THE MONUMENT TO THE DEPARTMENT  
OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO BE PLACED IN A CEMETERY  
FOR CONFEDERATE SOLDIERS.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding G.S. 100-2.1, the chancellor of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (UNC-Chapel Hill) shall permanently remove from the campus of UNC-Chapel Hill the monument, including the pedestal and statue, that is an object of remembrance depicting a Confederate soldier facing north, sculpted by John Wilson and dedicated on June 2, 1913, commonly identified with the colloquial name of "Silent Sam" and associated with the white supremacy belief system, that was located at the center of McCorkle place on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The chancellor shall remove any part of the monument (i) being stored by UNC-Chapel Hill or (ii) that has been returned to its original site or placed on any other site on the UNC-Chapel Hill campus. The chancellor shall transfer the entire monument into the custody of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources. Notwithstanding G.S. 100-2.1, 143B-53.1, and 143B-62, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources shall move the monument to a new site in a cemetery located in the State that is the burial location of a significant number of Confederate soldiers of the Civil War. The Board of Governors of The University of North Carolina is prohibited from directing the relocation of the monument unless it is in accordance with the provisions of this act.

**SECTION 2.** This act is effective when it becomes law.

