

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
SESSION 2019**

**SENATE BILL 525  
RATIFIED BILL**

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A STATE HISTORIC SITE TO INTERPRET THE STATE'S TEXTILE PRODUCTION AND INDUSTRIAL HISTORY AND THE FEASIBILITY OF OPERATING A MUSEUM IN SOUTHEASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

**SECTION 1.** The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Office of Archives and History, shall evaluate the real property and textile collection held by the Randolph Heritage Conservancy, Inc., located in the Town of 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 shall 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 and Economic Resources.

**SECTION 2.** The Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Office of Archives and History, shall 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 shall 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.** The findings and recommendations described in Sections 1 and 2 of this act may be reported separately or jointly, as determined by the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, Office of Archives and History.

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

**SECTION 5.** The Department may use up to twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000) of the funds appropriated to it for the 2018-2019 fiscal year for the evaluations and reports required in Sections 1 and 2 of this act.



**SECTION 6.** This act is effective when it becomes law.  
In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 28<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2019.

s/ Philip E. Berger  
President Pro Tempore of the Senate

s/ Sarah Stevens  
Speaker Pro Tempore of the House of Representatives

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Roy Cooper  
Governor

Approved \_\_\_\_\_m. this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2019