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SENATE BILL DRS15219-LGa-85

Short Title: Funds/Airborne & Special Operations Museum. (Public)

Sponsors: Senators deViere and Clark (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIRBORNE AND
3 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM.

4 Whereas, the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum is
5 located in Fayetteville, North Carolina; and

6 Whereas, the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum is the
7 only museum in the nation dedicated to telling the heroic stories of the elite Army Airborne and
8 Special Operations Forces soldiers, both of past and present; and

9 Whereas, the mission of the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations
10 Museum is to inspire people of all ages to learn from these stories of heroism, perseverance, and
11 the responsibility of victory throughout the world; and

12 Whereas, the United States Army Airborne and Special Operations Museum is
13 currently using over twenty year old antiquated and unreliable technology, thereby rendering
14 them unable to tell the story of our soldiers who have not only dedicated their lives to the security
15 of our nation, but in some instances have paid the ultimate sacrifice for our freedoms; and

16 Whereas, through funding from the State of North Carolina, the United States Army
17 Airborne and Special Operations Museum will be able to improve and update exhibits devoted
18 to the events from World War II, the Korean War, the Vietnam War, and the Cold War, as well
19 as create an exhibit to tell the story of the Global War on Terrorism; and

20 Whereas, updating these exhibits will breathe new life into our nation's history and
21 inspire young visitors while also honoring the service of those who put their lives on the line for
22 our freedoms each and every day; Now, therefore,
23 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

24 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Airborne and
25 Special Operations Museum Foundation, a nonprofit organization, the sum of two million five
26 hundred thousand dollars (\$2,500,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to
27 make necessary updates and additions to the United States Army Airborne and Special
28 Operations Museum in order to honor the legacy of our Airborne and Special Forces troops.

29 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2021.



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