

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
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SENATE BILL 514*

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

Sponsors: Senators Clark and deViere (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to: Rules and Operations of the Senate

April 3, 2019

A BILL TO BE ENTITLED

1 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR THE UNITED STATES ARMY AIRBORNE AND
2 SPECIAL OPERATIONS MUSEUM.

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

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

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

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

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

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

23 **SECTION 1.** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the United States Army
24 Airborne and Special Operations Museum Foundation, a nonprofit organization, the sum of two
25 million three hundred thousand dollars (\$2,300,000) in nonrecurring funds for the 2019-2020
26 fiscal year to allow the Museum to make necessary updates and additions in order to honor the
27 legacy of our Airborne and Special Forces troops.

28 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2019.
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