

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA  
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**HOUSE DRH50327-LG-121A (3/12)**

Short Title: Funds/Zoo/African Pavilion. (Public)

Sponsors: Representatives E. Warren, Tolson, Brubaker, and Hurley (Primary Sponsors).

Referred to:

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT TO APPROPRIATE FUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE NORTH  
3 CAROLINA ZOOLOGICAL PARK.

4 Whereas, funding is needed for improvements at the North Carolina Zoological Park  
5 to protect the State's investment in an aging facility, increase the Zoo's impact on children's  
6 education and teacher development, improve visitor experience, and address higher animal  
7 welfare standards, while also generating additional revenue and bringing an increased  
8 economic return to the Zoo and the State; and

9 Whereas, State-requested engineering reports have indicated that it is cost  
10 prohibitive to repair the current African Pavilion, and the building has an extremely limited  
11 life; and

12 Whereas, funds for planning the replacement of the African Pavilion and the  
13 surrounding supporting exhibits were appropriated by the General Assembly in 2008 but were  
14 retracted due to the economic slowdown; and

15 Whereas, the North Carolina Zoological Society is committed to raising the sum of  
16 \$400,000 to match the sum of \$600,000 in State funding for planning the replacement of the  
17 African Pavilion and the surrounding supporting exhibits; and

18 Whereas, the North Carolina Zoological Society is also committed to raising funds  
19 to match State funding on the basis of \$1.00 of non-State funds for every \$1.00 of the State  
20 funds over the six- to eight-year period of phased construction; Now, therefore,  
21 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

22 **SECTION 1.(a)** There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of  
23 Environment and Natural Resources the sum of nineteen million six hundred thousand dollars  
24 (\$19,600,000) for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. These funds will be needed over a six- to eight-  
25 year period and shall be used as follows:

- 26 (1) \$600,000 for the initial planning for the replacement of the African Pavilion  
27 and the surrounding supporting exhibits.  
28 (2) \$19,000,000 to design and construct a complex of linked exhibits replacing  
29 the current decaying African Pavilion and including facilities for gorillas and  
30 other primates.

31 **SECTION 2.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2009.

