

HOUSE BILL 2131

By Lamberth

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 12, relative to the Tennessee state museum.

WHEREAS, William E. Haslam was the 49th Governor of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam led Tennessee with distinction; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee became a national leader in education, economic development,
efficient and effective government, and fiscal strength; and

WHEREAS, while Governor Haslam was in office, Tennessee was the fastest improving
state in the nation for academic achievement; and

WHEREAS, high school graduation rates were the highest ever seen in Tennessee's
history; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee was repeatedly recognized as the number one state in the
nation for economic development; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam launched the Drive to 55 and created the nationally
acclaimed Tennessee Promise and Tennessee Reconnect programs that provide college free of
tuition and fees for all Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam helped add more than 400,000 net new jobs to our state,
and the state's unemployment rate reached the lowest level in the state's history; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam, in conjunction with the Tennessee General Assembly,
passed the largest tax cut in Tennessee history, tripled the rainy-day fund, had the lowest debt
per capita of any state in the nation, and was awarded a AAA bond rating; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam overhauled the state's antiquated employment system
and moved to performance-based pay for state employees; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam was recognized by *Governing Magazine*, "Tennessee offers a compelling example of what conservative government can deliver...with its AAA bond rating and well-funded public pension plans, low unemployment rate, rising educational achievement and an innovative program that offers two years of free community college"; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam was a history major in college and has always been a passionate champion for remembering and preserving our history; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, Governor Haslam appointed a task force to study and recommend an affordable approach to building a new state museum; and

WHEREAS, in April 2015, Governor Haslam recommended in his amended budget proposal to the Tennessee General Assembly that \$120 million be appropriated for a new museum and the remaining funding to be raised from private sources; and

WHEREAS, Governor Haslam led the efforts to raise an additional \$33.5 million and he and his wife Crissy made a significant personal contribution leading and inspiring others to contribute; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4, Chapter 12, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The building that houses the Tennessee state museum located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard is designated as the "William E. Haslam Center".

(b) The state museum shall erect suitable markers or affix suitable signs designating the museum as the "William E. Haslam Center". The state museum shall fund all costs related to the signage.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-12-203, is amended by deleting "Tennessee state museum located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard" and substituting instead "William E. Haslam Center located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard".

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 4-12-302, is amended by deleting "Tennessee state museum located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard" and substituting instead "William E. Haslam Center located at 1000 Rosa L. Parks Boulevard".

SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.