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SENATE BILL 280
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Short Title: DCR/Historic Sites/Fees.

(Public)

Sponsors:

Referred to:

March 14, 2013

1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED
2 AN ACT ALLOWING NON-STATE EMPLOYEES AFFILIATED WITH THE
3 TRANSPORTATION MUSEUM TO DRIVE STATE-OWNED VEHICLES;
4 EXPANDING THE AUTHORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL
5 RESOURCES AND THE TRYON PALACE TO CHARGE ADMISSION AND
6 RELATED ACTIVITY FEES; AND ESTABLISHING THE A+ SCHOOLS SPECIAL
7 FUND IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CULTURAL RESOURCES, THE NORTH
8 CAROLINA ARTS COUNCIL.

9 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

10 **SECTION 1.** Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, a non-State
11 employee affiliated with the Transportation Museum may drive a State-owned vehicle on the
12 Museum's property.

13 **SECTION 2.(a)** G.S. 121-7.3 reads as rewritten:

14 "**§ 121-7.3. Admission and related activity fees.**

15 The Department of Cultural Resources may charge a reasonable admission and related
16 activity fee to any historic site or museum administered by the Department. Admission and
17 related activity fees collected under this section are receipts of the Department and shall be
18 deposited in a nonreverting account, the appropriate special fund. ~~The Department shall retain~~
19 ~~unbudgeted receipts at the end of each fiscal year, beginning June 30, 2004, and shall deposit~~
20 ~~these receipts into the account. Funds in the account shall be used to support a portion of each~~
21 ~~museum's operation.~~ The revenue collected pursuant to this section shall be used only for the
22 individual historic site or museum where the receipts were generated. The Secretary may adopt
23 rules necessary to carry out the provisions of this section. The Department shall provide a
24 quarterly report to the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations as to the
25 Department's or museums' anticipated use of funds or expenditures of funds pursuant to this
26 section."

27 **SECTION 2.(b)** G.S. 143B-71 reads as rewritten:

28 "**§ 143B-71. Tryon Palace Commission – creation, powers and duties.**

29 There is hereby created the Tryon Palace Commission of the Department of Cultural
30 Resources with the power and duty to adopt, amend and rescind rules and regulations
31 concerning the restoration and maintenance of the Tryon Palace complex, and ~~such~~ other
32 powers and duties as provided in Article 2 of Chapter 121 of the General Statutes of North
33 ~~Carolina~~ Carolina, including the authority to charge reasonable admission and related activity
34 fees."



1 **SECTION 3.** Article 2 of Chapter 143B of the General Statutes is amended by
2 adding a new section to read:

3 **"§ 143B-87.2. A+ Schools Special Fund.**

4 (a) Fund. – The A+ Schools Special Fund is created as a special interest-bearing
5 revenue fund in the Department of Cultural Resources, North Carolina Arts Council. The Fund
6 shall consist of all receipts derived from private donations, grant funds, and earned revenue.
7 The revenue in the Fund may be used only for contracted services, conference and meeting
8 expenses, travel, staff salaries, and other administrative costs related to the A+ Schools
9 program. The staff of the North Carolina Arts Council and the Department shall determine how
10 the funds will be used for the purposes of the A+ Schools program.

11 (b) Application. – This section applies to the A+ Schools program, which was
12 transferred to the North Carolina Arts Council by Section 9.8 of S.L. 2010-31.

13 (c) Reports. – The Department shall submit a report to the Joint Legislative
14 Commission on Governmental Operations, the House of Representatives Appropriations
15 Subcommittee on General Government, the Senate Appropriations Committee on General
16 Government and Information Technology, and the Fiscal Research Division by September 30
17 of each year that includes the source and amount of all funds credited to the Fund and the
18 purpose and amount of all expenditures from the Fund during the prior fiscal year."

19 **SECTION 4.** This act is effective when it becomes law.