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Short Title: Bentonville Historic Site.

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Sponsors: Senator Smith.

Referred to: Appropriations/Base Budget.

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1 A BILL TO BE ENTITLED  
2 AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE BENTONVILLE BATTLEFIELD FUND IN THE  
3 DIVISION OF STATE HISTORIC SITES AND CONFORMING THE LAWS  
4 GOVERNING THE NORTH CAROLINA AQUARIUMS FUND, THE TRYON  
5 PALACE HISTORIC SITES AND GARDENS FUND, AND SPECIAL  
6 REGISTRATION PLATES TO THE STATE BUDGET ACT.

7 The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

8 SECTION 1. Article 1 of Chapter 121 is amended by adding a new section  
9 to read:

10 "**§ 121-7.5. Bentonville Battlefield Fund.**

11 (a) Fund. – The Bentonville Battlefield Fund is hereby created as a special,  
12 interest-bearing, and nonreverting fund in the Division of State Historic Sites. The Fund  
13 shall be treated as a special trust fund and shall be credited with interest by the State  
14 Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and G.S. 147-69.3. The Fund shall be used for  
15 operation, interpretation, maintenance, preservation, development, and expansion at  
16 Bentonville Battlefield. Funds are hereby annually appropriated for these purposes in  
17 accordance with G.S. 143C-1-2.

18 (b) Disposition of Fees. – Notwithstanding Chapter 146 of the General Statutes,  
19 all receipts derived from the lease, rental, or other disposition of structures or products  
20 of the land owned by or under the supervision or control of the Division of Historic  
21 Sites in Johnston County shall be credited to the Fund.

22 (c) Reports. – The Department shall submit to the Joint Legislative Commission  
23 on Governmental Operations, the House of Representatives and Senate Appropriations  
24 Subcommittees on General Government, and the Fiscal Research Division by  
25 September 30 of each year a report on the Fund that shall include the source and  
26 amounts of all funds credited to the Fund and the purpose and amount of all  
27 expenditures from the Fund during the prior fiscal year."

28 SECTION 2. G.S. 143B-289.44(b) reads as rewritten:

1       "(b) Fund. – The North Carolina Aquariums Fund is hereby created as a special  
2 and nonreverting fund. The North Carolina Aquariums Fund shall be used for repair,  
3 renovation, expansion, maintenance, educational exhibit construction, and operational  
4 expenses at existing aquariums, to pay the debt service and lease payments related to the  
5 financing of expansions of aquariums, including other relevant satellite areas, and to  
6 match private funds that are raised for these purposes. Funds are hereby annually  
7 appropriated for these purposes in accordance with G.S. 143C-1-2."

8               **SECTION 3.** G.S. 121-21.1(a) reads as rewritten:

9       "(a) Fund. – The Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens Fund is hereby created  
10 as a special, interest-bearing, and nonreverting fund in the Division of Tryon Palace  
11 Historic Sites and Gardens. The Fund shall be treated as a special trust fund and shall be  
12 credited with interest by the State Treasurer pursuant to G.S. 147-69.2 and  
13 G.S. 147-69.3. The Fund shall be used for repair, renovation, expansion, and  
14 maintenance at Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens. Funds are hereby annually  
15 appropriated for these purposes in accordance with G.S. 143C-1-2."

16               **SECTION 4.** G.S. 20-81.12 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

17       "(c1) In accordance with G.S. 143C-1-2, the transfers mandated in this section are  
18 appropriations made by law."

19               **SECTION 5.** This act becomes effective July 1, 2007."