

GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA
SESSION 2013

SESSION LAW 2013-297
SENATE BILL 280

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

The General Assembly of North Carolina enacts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



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

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

In the General Assembly read three times and ratified this the 9th day of July, 2013.

s/ Daniel J. Forest
President of the Senate

s/ Thom Tillis
Speaker of the House of Representatives

s/ Pat McCrory
Governor

Approved 6:17 p.m. this 18th day of July, 2013