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North Carolina House of Representatives
Raleigh, North Carolina 27601-1096**

**HOUSE SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE USE OF OFF-ROAD VEHICLES ON
CAPE LOOKOUT NATIONAL SEASHORE**

**TO THE HONORABLE MEMBERS OF THE
NORTH CAROLINA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**

Section 1. The House Select Committee on the Use of Off-Road Vehicles on Cape Lookout National Seashore (hereinafter "Committee") is established by the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-19.6(a1) and Rule 26(a) of the Rules of the House of Representatives of the 2013 General Assembly.

Section 2. The Committee consists of 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The membership of the Committee shall include legislators as specified below. Members serve at the pleasure of the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Speaker of the House of Representatives may dissolve the Committee at any time. Vacancies are filled by the Speaker of the House of Representatives. The Chair or other member of the Committee continues to serve until a successor is appointed.

Representative Pat McElraft, Chair
Representative Chris Millis
Representative George Graham

Section 3. The Committee shall study the economic impact of the National Park Service's proposed rules for off-road vehicle management on the long term health of the travel and tourism industry in Carteret County as well as county level employment, payroll and tax revenues. The Committee shall undertake, at a minimum, the following activities:

1. Provide a public forum to hear directly from private business, local government and other interested stakeholders impacted by the proposed rules.

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2. Calculate the economic impact of current visitor expenditures using the Travel Economic Impact Model (TEIM), and what it would be if the proposed rules go into effect
3. Calculate the current economic impact of tourism in Carteret County using an official international standard that considers the contribution travel and tourism makes to overall income, employment, gross state product, government tax revenues and other measures using the Tourism Satellite Account (TSA), and what it would be if the proposed rules go into effect.
4. Receive input from university experts on the potential economic impact of the proposed rules on the health of private businesses and local government in Carteret County.
5. Receive input, if feasible, from other coastal communities impacted by similar rules adopted by the National Park Service.

Section 4. The Committee shall meet upon the call of the Chair. A quorum of the Committee shall be a majority of its members. No action may be taken except by a majority vote at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

Section 5. The Committee, while in the discharge of its official duties, may exercise all powers provided for under G.S. 120-19 and Article 5A of Chapter 120 of the General Statutes. The Committee may contract for professional, clerical, or consultant services, as provided by G.S. 120-32.02.

Section 6. Members of the Committee shall receive per diem, subsistence, and travel allowance as provided in G.S. 120-3.1.

Section 7. The expenses of the Committee including per diem, subsistence, travel allowances for Committee members, and contracts for professional or consultant services shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives pursuant to G.S. 120-32.02(c) and G.S. 120-35 from funds available to the House of Representatives for its operations. Individual expenses of \$5,000 or less, including per diem, travel, and subsistence expenses of members of the Committee, and clerical expenses shall be paid upon the authorization of the Chair of the Committee. Individual expenses in excess of \$5,000 shall be paid upon the written approval of the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Section 8. The Legislative Services Officer shall assign professional and clerical staff to assist the Committee in its work. The Director of Legislative Assistants of the House of Representatives shall assign clerical support staff to the Committee.

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Section 9. The Committee may meet at various locations around the State in order to promote greater public participation in its deliberations.

Section 10. The Committee may submit an interim report on the results of the study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives at any time. The Committee may submit a final report on the results of its study, including any proposed legislation, to the members of the House of Representatives prior to the convening of the 2015 General Assembly. Reports shall be submitted by filing a copy of the report with the Office of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the House Principal Clerk, and the Legislative Library. The Committee terminates upon the convening of the 2015 General Assembly or upon the filing of its final report, whichever occurs first.

Effective this the 15th day of October, 2014.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Thom Tillis". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Thom Tillis
Speaker