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TO:

Senator Phil Berger, President Pro-Tempore of the Senate

Representative Thom Tillis, Speaker of the House of Representatives

FROM:

Art Pope, State Budget Director

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SUBJECT:

Budget Deviation for the Department of Revenue

The Office of State Budget and Management (OSBM), as required by G.S. 143C-6-4(b)(3)(b1), must consult with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations when a department's certified budget is expected to be exceeded by more than three percent (3%). Please see the budget deviation listed below for the Department of Revenue.

## Department of Revenue - William S. Lee Tax Credit

G.S. 105-129.83 authorizes the Department of Revenue to collect a fee (\$500) from taxpayers eligible for the William S. Lee tax credit. This fee is deposited in Revenue's special fund budget code, 24706. Based on historical analysis of deposits, collections, and transfers, this code should have an annual budget of \$300,000. Unfortunately, establishing this budget was inadvertently overlooked during the annual budget certification process. The Department seeks to establish a budget in the current fiscal year via budget revision; however, doing so will create a deviation that exceeds three percent (3%). For this reason, OSBM is submitting this action for consultation with the Joint Legislative Commission on Governmental Operations.

## REQUEST TO DEVIATE UNDER G.S. 143C-6-4:

three percent (3%) prior to authorizing the overexpenditures. total requirements for a fund to exceed the department's certified budget for a fiscal year for that fund by more than (b1) Prior consultation with Governmental Operations is required when the overexpenditure would cause a department's

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Amount the Request Exceeds the Deviation Threshold	Amount of the Overexpenditure Request	3% Deviation Threshold	Certified Requirements	Budget Code

## JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST:

Request to budget funds for William S Lee fees collected under G.S. 105-129.6 Article 3A whereby 25% of the fees are remitted to Commerce and Revenue to retain 75%. Article 3A was repleated around 2006 and replaced with Article 3J whereby 100% of fees collected will inorder to claim a William S Lee credit on their tax returns. be remitted to the General Fund. Fees collected under Article 3A will continue until all fees have been collected. Taxpayers must remit a \$500 fee