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**TO:**            Statewide / Capital / General Government Subcommittee

**FROM:**       Michael Hill, Rule-Making Coordinator  
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**SUBJECT:**    Admission Fee, Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens

Later this week I plan to submit to the Office of Administrative Hearings a Notice of Text form relating to a fee change. The proposed action is necessary in order for the Department of Cultural Resources to revise the fee structure for visitors to Tryon Palace Historic Sites and Gardens, which was last revised in 2000. In conjunction with the tricentennial of New Bern, Tryon Palace is opening a \$60 million History Education Center, substantially altering the visitor experience and the alternatives available to individuals, families, and students.

In talking with Susan Flowers, a financial officer at Tryon Palace, I have determined that the changes will not have an aggregate financial impact (per G.S. 150B-21.4) of \$3 million per year, but rather between ½ million and 1 million. But the fee change notice described in G.S. 12-3.1 does appear to be applicable in this instance.

I am attaching the Notice of Text form and both the language proposed to be repealed and the language proposed to be adopted.

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