

May 23, 2000

S 1381. REALLOCATE WATER BOND FUNDS. TO REALLOCATE THE PROCEEDS OF THE CLEAN WATER BONDS. Reallocates unspecified amounts of the 1998 Clean Water Bond revenues to provide more water and wastewater grants to local government units in high unit cost and unsewered communities. Funds to be reallocated come from bond proceeds previously allocated to other wastewater and water projects. Revises maximum grant award under GS 159G-6(a) to three million dollars over a period of three fiscal years (was, during any fiscal year). Effective July 1, 2000. Revised maximum grant award applies only to grants funded on or after July 1, 2000.

Intro. by Kerr.

Ref. to Agriculture

GS 159G

June 13, 2000

S 1381. REALLOCATE WATER BOND FUNDS. Intro. 5/23/00. Senate committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Rewrites portion of bill withdrawing loan funds to reallocate Clean Water Bond proceeds allocated for loans in SL 1998-132 as follows: For wastewater collection systems and treatment works--\$3.5 million for local government loans where the unit has bond rating of less than 75, and \$90.6 million for units with bond rating of 75 or more; water supply and distribution systems and conservation projects--\$7.1 million for units with bond rating under 75, and \$98.8 million for units with bond ratings of 75 or higher, for a total of \$200 million. That \$200 million is further allocated as follows: \$146 million to be used by Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources to provide grants to local governments as follows: High-unit wastewater account--\$37,960,000 to units with bond rating under 75 and \$35,040,000 for units with 75 or more, and identical amounts for high-unit cost water supply account. An additional \$25,920,000 of the \$200 million is to be used to provide unsewered community grants to eligible units to assist with wastewater treatment projects. The remaining \$28,080,000 of the \$200 million is to be used to provide supplemental and capacity grants to eligible units to match federal, state or other grant funds or to improve water and sewer projects; specifies that \$22,460 is for supplemental and \$5,620,000 for capacity grants. Notwithstanding provisions of SL 1998-132, allows maximum of \$12,000,000 for supplemental grants and \$3,000,000 of capacity grants to be issued upon certification by Rural Economic Development Center each fiscal year through June 30, 2005. Upon certification of fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, State Treasurer may issue remaining balance of funds allocated under Sec. 5.1 of SL 1998-132. Retains amendment to GS 159G-6(a) in original bill. Effective July 1, 2000 except for amendment to GS 159G-6, which is effective July 1, 1999 and applies to grants made on or after the date the act becomes law.

June 19, 2000

S 1381. REALLOCATE WATER BOND FUNDS. Intro. 5/23/00. Senate amendment makes the following changes to 1st edition. Reverses allocation of funds for (1) wastewater collection and treatment systems and (2) water supply and conservation projects.

July 6, 2000

S 1381. REALLOCATE WATER BOND FUNDS. Intro. 5/23/00. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 3rd edition. Adds provision requiring Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources and Rural Economic Development Center to assure that all loans and grants from proceeds of the clean water bonds are distributed geographically so that at least 30% is awarded to applicants from each of three defined regions of the state (eastern, central, and western). Requires bond proceeds to be divided equally within the regions between local government units whose bond rating is 75 or more and those who have no bond rating or have a rating of less than 75. Specifies that the maximum principal amount of a grant to an applicant for a high-unit cost water supply system shall be \$3 million if the applicant is a water district that includes three or more local government units or a local government unit that supplies water to less than 50% of its population. Changes effective date of most of act to Aug. 1, 2000 (was July 1, 2000).

July 12, 2000

S 1381. REALLOCATE WATER BOND FUNDS. Intro. 5/23/00. Conference report recommends the following changes to 4th edition to reconcile matters in controversy. Deletes provisions requiring the Dep't of Environment and Natural Resources and Rural Economic Development Center to assure that all loans and grants from proceeds of the clean water bonds are distributed geographically. Adds provision requiring the State Infrastructure Council to study the geographic distribution of loans and grants from bond proceeds to determine the extent to which geographic disparities and inequities exist. Council must report to Senate, House, and Fiscal Research Division by December 1, 2000. Provides that no more than one-half of the reallocated funds may be awarded as grants before March 31, 2001. Specifies that the maximum principal amount of a grant to an applicant for a high-unit cost wastewater project during any fiscal year shall be \$3 million if the applicant is a sewer district that includes three or more local government units. Makes other technical changes.