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S 1071. LIMIT SECRECY ORDERS. TO LIMIT THE USE OF SECRECY ORDERS AND AGREEMENTS IN CERTAIN CIVIL ACTIONS. Adds new GS Chapter 7C governing issuance of protective orders for materials in private civil actions alleging personal injury, wrongful death, or monetary or property damage caused by an environmental hazard, a defective product, or a financial fraud. Permits trial court to deny protection to documents when disclosure of information necessary to protect health and safety of public. Permits appeal of grant or denial of final protective order by parties, Attorney General, media representatives, or other interested persons.

Intro. by Hagan.

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