

April 4, 2001

**S 855. AIRPORT FACILITIES DEFINED. TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF AIRPORT FACILITIES FOR CERTAIN PURPOSES.** This bill recites the legislative history of basinwide water quality management plans adopted by the Environmental Management Commission for the Neuse River Basin and Tar-Pamlico River Basin; states that the General Assembly has disallowed or is in process of disallowing those plans; points out that those plans contain provisions allowing work at "airport facilities" to occur, sometimes with mitigation; asserts that there is no adequate definition of the term "airport facilities"; asserts that the Water Quality Division has interpreted the term narrowly to include only runways; and asserts that the lack of a definition and this restrictive interpretation has caused ambiguity, delay, and other problems for airports in the cited river basins. The bill adds to GS 63-1 an extensive definition of the term "airport facilities," directs that the term "airport facilities" as used in the Temporary Neuse Buffer Rules and the Basinwide Management Plans currently in effect shall have the same meaning as in amended GS 63-1, and provides that work occurring at "airport facilities," as thus defined, is exempt from that rule and management plan rather than allowable or allowable with mitigation.

**Intro. by Gulley, Reeves, Lee.**

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**S 855. AIRPORT FACILITIES DEFINED.** Intro. 4/4/01. House committee substitute makes the following changes to 1st edition. Makes technical changes and provides that the term "Basinwide Management Strategies" as used in the bill applies to temporary and permanent rules adopted for river basins generally (original bill, to the Cape Fear, Catawba, and Tar-Pamlico basins). Also adds stormwater outfalls as a part of the bill's definition of "airport facilities" in new GS 63-1(8a).